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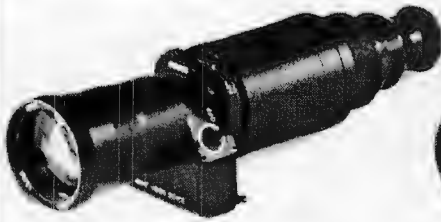
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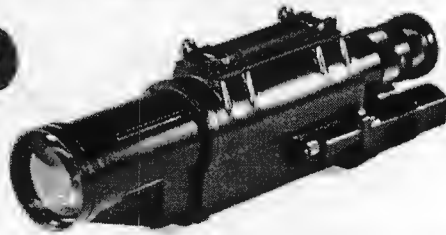
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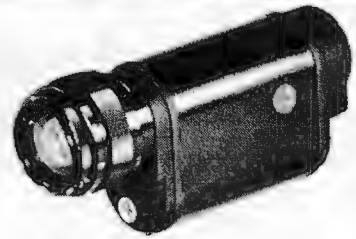
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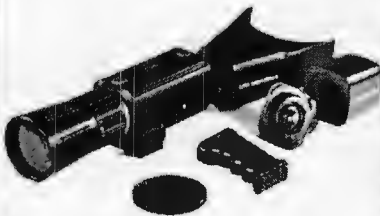
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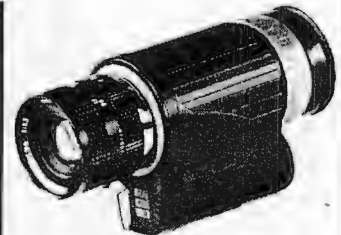


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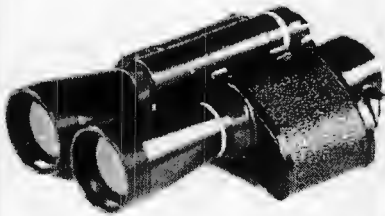


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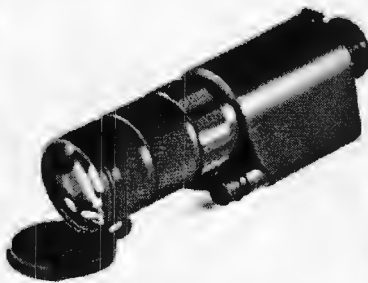


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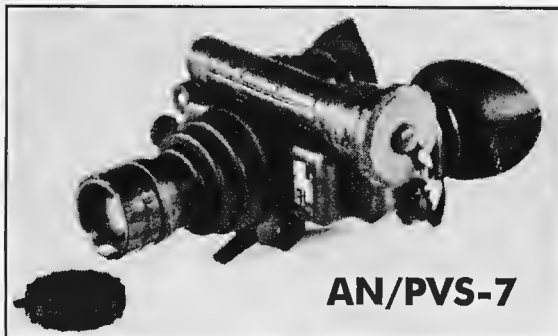
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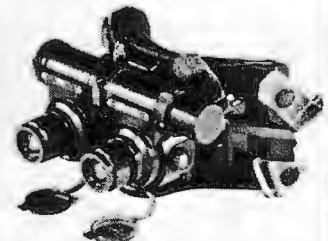
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Noble Plans For National Police Force

by Robert K. Brown

To expand federal law enforcement power and the potential for the same abuses that spawned the massacre at Waco and the murders at Ruby Ridge, the Clinton White House is currently maneuvering to form what amounts to a National Police Force.

The task of consolidating most of the responsibilities of federal law enforcement under one big government badge currently belongs to Ron Noble, who became friends with Hillary Clinton while both were working in the civil rights movement. The Clintons went so far as to create the new position of Undersecretary of Treasury for Enforcement, specifically so that Noble would be in charge of the law enforcement functions of U.S. Customs, the Secret Service, the IRS enforcement branch and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF). One of Noble's first acts was to play a leadership role in the Waco operation, and when it went bad he became one of the architects of the government's whitewash.

According to Bob Sanders, a former BATF assistant director for criminal investigations, now an attorney specializing in firearms cases, "Noble wants to become the J. Edgar Hoover of Treasury." He wants sole control of a merged BATF, Customs Service, Secret Service and IRS enforcement branch.

"As bad as things might seem now, they would be worse under Noble's unified control," a confidential Treasury source told me. "This is a man who, 10 years ago, couldn't get

hired on his own merits as an inspector [for Immigration and Naturalization]. Now he's a high-powered political appointee who's carrying water for Hillary's anti-gun agenda. He is the leading advocate of gun control at Treasury. He's a man with big

plans for himself and no scruples to get in his way. He's very sly and very power hungry," the source said.

Nothing demonstrates this better than Noble's lobbying for the destruction of BATF. Noble wants BATF to lose its funding. He has told Congress that the



BATF and other federal law enforcement agencies falling under Treasury have failed to meet their Equal Opportunity Employment Commission quotas. Since trying to change white male dominated law enforcement is impossible under the present structure, Noble argues that if all the money were given to his office to administer everything would be done correctly.

Fortunately, the internecine warfare over law enforcement turf between Treasury and Justice departments is not being kept quiet, because both Noble and Janet Reno are noisy about wanting to head the merged agencies — what I'm calling the National Police Force.

If the Clinton administration creates this National Police Force and grants it KGB-style powers, more citizens will have to take the time and trouble to raise hell with their elected representatives. Democracy is not a safe and orderly enterprise; its working dynamics require ongoing conflict in order to stimulate change and growth. ✕

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SOF WRITERS RACK UP AWARDS

Two *SOF* writers have received the prestigious Mencken Award, bestowed by the Free Press Association for "outstanding journalism in support of liberty as chosen by their professional peers." Former staffer and frequent contributor James L. Pate was given the best investigation award "in recognition of his investigative articles about the Waco massacre for *Soldier Of Fortune*," and *SOF* Special Projects Director Colonel Alex McColl received the best editorial award for his "Command Guidance" of July 1993, calling for reform of the BATF. Kudos, guys. We know you're the best — but it's nice to see the mainstream media acknowledge it, too.

SOF SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Some 112 *SOF* readers are happy they entered the 19th Anniversary *SOF* Sweepstakes, because they came home winners. Grand Prize winner Peter Wilhelm of Terrel, Texas, opted for the African safari trip. John Winter of Hurricane, Utah, won a Ruger Auto P90 .45 pistol for second place.

Ten other entrants in third through twelfth place received inscribed Al Mar knives. In descending order they are: Dan Brent (Fort Leavenworth, Kan.), Scott Tschirhart (San Antonio, Texas), Donald



Four of a Kind: A recent Washington, D.C., reception by Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America honored newly elected Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas: From left to right are Jim Fotis (Law Enforcement Alliance of America), Robert K. Brown (*SOF*), Rep. Stockman and Larry Pratt. A strong and outspoken defender of the Second Amendment, Stockman spent 1/10th as much as the entrenched Jack Brooks in last fall's election, beating Brooks handily in a district where gun rights were the issue. As a representative, Stockman runs for reelection in two years — if you want to help with his reelection war chest, contact Friends of Steve Stockman, Box 57135, Webster, TX 77598; phone: 713-996-6900.

Keener (Asheville, N.C.), Doug Cline (Los Lunas, N.M.), Todd Mansfield (Hope, N.J.), Lance Werst (Berwick, Pa.), Ryan Weirich (Camp Lejeune, N.C.), Alan Stineback (Cottonwood, Ariz.), James Eash (Bronson, Mich.), Thomas Trott (Mobile, Ala.). In addition, 100 entrants received one-year subscriptions to *Fighting Firearms* magazine.

RULES IS RULES

Ironic, because the BATF has made a career out of niggling FFL holders over the fine points of the rules, is the fact that for the past several months the BATF has had operators busily engaged in entering the

records of some 2,500 former FFLs into a database. The 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act expressly forbids federal registration of gun owners — as does even Clinton's 1996 budget proposal. ATF spokesman Ron Noble said this illicit activity was legit because the ATF was only compiling a list from former FFLs, and went on to defend its purpose as laudable because it would enable the agency to trace firearms more quickly. Rep. Ernest "Jon" Istook Jr., R-Okla., noted that such an undertaking for that purpose is a waste of time, as the overwhelming majority of legally acquired firearms are never used in a crime.

SUE THE BASTARDS

According to *The Independent* of London, some 20,000 former POWs from Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States are suing the Japanese government in Tokyo, seeking millions of dollars in damages for having been forced to work as slaves during their internment as POWs in World War II. Japan violated international law when it forced POWs to work in mines, shipyards and transportation construction, typically under inhumane conditions. News sources have made no note of posthumous payments to heirs of those who died in captivity or subsequent to repatriation as a result of abuse suffered at the hands of their Japanese captors. Of 150,000 POWs held at Changi prison camp, for instance, only 10,000 of the U.S., British, Australian, New Zealand and Dutch prisoners got out alive.

ROBERT MACKENZIE

SOF Contributing Editor for Special Operations and veteran of innumerable wars and special units, Colonel Robert MacKenzie died a hero's death aiding a fallen comrade in Sierra Leone, 24 February 1995. The July *SOF* will contain a tribute to MacKenzie, a soldier's soldier and true gentleman.

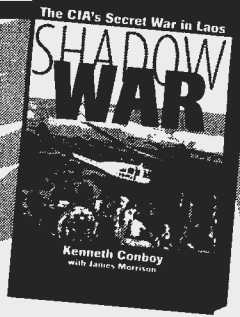


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The CIA's Secret War in Laos

by Kenneth Conboy (with James Morrison)

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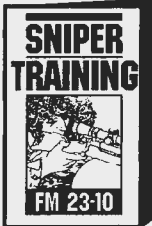


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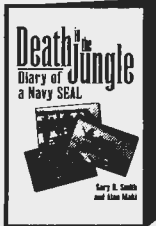
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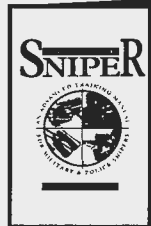
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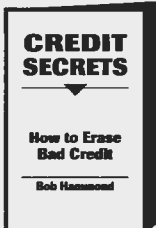
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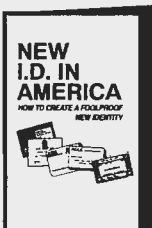
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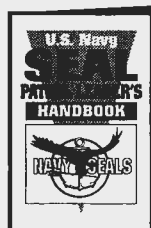
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supposedly have gone through bulletproof vests and avoided the law by being made from synthetic), are offering to sell manufacturing rights for only \$500,000. Our guess is they'll have to find a market among the mass media — the only ones so

far to buy off on this terror weapon that doesn't exist.

KOON CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

Former LAPD Sergeant Stacy Koon, now serving a 30-month federal sentence for "violating the civil rights" of Rodney King (a state court had earlier acquitted Koon and other policemen involved on similar charges), will benefit from a generous outpouring of support from citizens who think he was a political scapegoat. A fund was set up under the auspices of Regnery, the Virginia-based publisher of his book *Presumed Guilty, the Tragedy of the Rodney King Affair*, to take care of Koon's wife and family while he's in the slam, and pay his legal bills. So far, individual donations to Koon and his family have not equalled the multi-millions an LA jury

granted to Rodney King — but it's not over yet. Although declining to talk numbers, Regnery acknowledged that receipts in 1994 exceeded \$1 million, but the Virginia Division of Consumer Affairs office reports that the organization set up to receive funds for Koon filed a 1994 budget that estimated gross revenue of \$4.7 million.

HARD TO SWALLOW DROPPINGS?

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency quotes a source "well-versed in North Korean affairs" as saying North Korean agents had been dispatched to Taiwan, Russia, Japan and the Caucasus in search of specific medicinal remedies for leader Kim Jong Il. It further said that the

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By Dr. R. L. Horine, Director, TRS – Civilian Fighting Division

Dear Friend,

I want to send you a free gun. (It is identical in CAD-imaged specs to the standard military-issue "Red style" training gun.)

There are 2 things I want you to do when you receive it:

1. I want you to set the gun aside, and watch the four videos I will also send.
2. Then, I want you to give the gun to the toughest, biggest and most coordinated friend you have... and ask him to:

Point The Gun At You And Squeeze The Trigger!

It is important that you choose someone who is larger than you. Preferably, he should also have some skill at fighting. *A black belt karate master would be perfect.*

Why am I asking you to do this? Because, I want to prove to you that what you see on these video tapes will allow you to instantly take that gun away (bare-handed) and *put him down on the ground* before he can move a muscle to squeeze the trigger! And once down, you will be able to keep him on the floor (and even slap him silly, if you please). You'll be in complete control.

As you will see in these tapes, you do not need strength, or special agility, or even previous skill in fighting. You will see how even a small man (5' 5", 140 pounds soaking wet) can easily disarm and take down a bodybuilder (6' 2", 240 pounds) trained in judo!

It's an astonishing fact to learn, but it is true nevertheless. What you are about to learn are the identical "Disarm and

Disable" tactics used by elite U.S. military personnel, big city SWAT teams, and high-profile security enforcement...

Which Have Been Kept Secret From Civilians (Like You) For Almost 20 Years!

Now, let me tell you about this gun. It is a detailed and exact replica of the "Red style" guns used by the military for training. It was designed by an American craftsman (who is now working with the military) and is hand casted, so that *all the tolerances are identical*. It has the feel, heft and balance of an authentic high-powered automatic pistol, yet is crafted from special solid polymers so it can be used for real-life training.

This gun would fool an expert who picked it up blindfolded — *only* the solid bore and the color (white) give it away as a training weapon. (The color is used for two reasons: To avoid misunderstandings with people who do not realize it is a training gun, and to keep *you* from accidentally picking up a real gun to practice with.)

There is one important alteration to this training gun. The **trigger guard** has been strategically changed so it will not snap the finger off your training partner, as a normal trigger guard would. (Your big, tough friend wouldn't like that... though he couldn't do much about it until you shared your tapes with him.) This alteration allows you to train without "pulling punches", and speeds up your learning curve dramatically.

Now, don't get the idea the "moves" you are about to learn are difficult, just because they have been held in secret by some of the most feared fighters in the world. *The moves are simple and natural...* yet utterly devastating when used against an armed



"I seldom give endorsements, but this is something special. The release of these tapes are unparalleled — you can learn a lot... it may save your life."

Colonel Robert K. Brown, USAR (Ret.)
Founder and publisher of
Soldier of Fortune Magazine.

attacker. You will be able to quickly take away your assailant's gun, and you will also learn:

- * How to "jockey" for your best first-strike position during an attack!
- * How to instantly "classify" any gun (single action vs. double action)... and how to tell if a gun is in "Condition One" — military jargon for "ready to fire"! (This "inside" weapon knowledge could give you a

precious extra second in any confrontation... enough to choose your best next move!)

* The *most important* (and *toughest*) decision you **must make** in any armed confrontation... and how to make it intelligently and morally (so you never have to second-guess yourself later!)

* Why the *incorrect* disarming techniques will **actually force your attacker to fire...** whether he's decided to or not!

* Why a man with a gun standing just 2 feet away from you is at a disadvantage... and how to use simple "leverage" to make him regret it forever!

* Why the correct way to "clear" a weapon **increases your chances of not getting shot** (first rule of bare-handed gun fighting) by 60%!

* Why the fancy-schmancy spinning head-kick techniques most martial artists learn are *hopelessly inadequate* in surviving a *real* street-fight! (And the "false confidence" you get will cause you *desperate* trouble!)

What's more, you'll also learn how to disarm an attacker who has a knife... along with:

* How to tell when your attacker is just "bluffing" with a knife... and when he's about to commit to stabbing you! (Crucial knowledge for making your best fight-ending move!)

* The *single most important decision* you must come to terms with in a knife fight!

* How to protect your most vulnerable "targets" during a knife fight... and how to use these rapid-blood loss areas *against* your assailant to end the fight instantly!

Plus, you'll learn the tactics of taking away a club or baseball bat from an attacker... and also:

* How to tell where the "sweet spot" of a club or baton is... where all the *damaging* power is located! (And how to avoid it!)

* Where the "safety" area of the club is: the 20% of any swing where the power of the club is wasted (and where your opportunity to *end the fight* lies!)

And, once you've disarmed your attacker and are facing him bare-handed... well, that's just child's play now. These tapes will show you:

* How to use the secret of your body's natural "fulcrums" to bring anyone to their knees... using only 12 pounds of pressure and a tiny "torque" of your wrist! (Once you understand the secret, even a fighter twice your size can be dropped in a blink... with no more exertion on your part than you'd use to open a tin can!)

* The one "dojo" karate trick to never use in the real world! (It's a silly, dumb thing to do... and yet it's one of the *first* things you learn as a rookie martial artist!)

* How to master the strongest grip you're capable of — no matter how "weak" you think you are!

* How to use simple "cat-like" tricks to force your body to fall correctly... so even if you get pushed down onto a concrete sidewalk, you'll bounce right back up without a bruise! (Plus — how to use your body's natural "cushions" to absorb almost any shock... and avoid the common bone-breaks *most* people suffer when knocked down!)

* The devastating secrets of *joint manipulation* (the lazy man's method of effective fighting)!

* The 4 crucial moves you must make when being "held up" from behind! (Or being forced to kneel from behind... one of the more *common* assault techniques used by desperate criminals and hostage takers!)



8 March 1994

This is an unsolicited endorsement:

Violence is on the upswing in America. Therefore it is important that both men and women possess the ability to defend themselves. The expert self defense instruction provided by Bob Taylor and Randy Warner, permits anyone to build a simple self defense strategy. The techniques presented in the tapes apply to the military, law enforcement, and all walks of the civilian community. The secret is practice and safety as stressed in the tapes.

Robert C. Kingston
General, USA Retired



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PLUS — and this is my *favorite* part of the package — you get an entire video of street-fighting “Dirty Tricks”... the same sneaky moves used by professional soldiers and cops who can’t afford to waste time fighting by the *old* “rules of the street”. You’ll learn:

- * The 2 psychological responses *all* top warriors “surrender” to the instant a fight is at hand... that *increases their chance of survival and victory by 400%*!
- * How to quickly “cancel out” any size or weight advantages your opponent has!
- * How to judge — *for yourself* — the “Escalation of Force” rule for any encounter! (So you are *instantly* in control of the fight, even if you’ve been totally surprised!)
- * The secrets of “Single Finger” take-downs... using moves that are indefensible even by a larger and more experienced opponent!
- * How to use “pain enhancement” tech to convince your assailant to stay down until the cops arrive!
- * How just 6 pounds of pressure on a nerve can set you free from almost *any* hold!
- * How to break away from strong-arm choke holds!
- * The natural “guides” on your attacker’s body that automatically guarantee a correct strike!
- * How to avoid the devastating mistakes even black belts make when attempting head butts! (And how to use the professional tricks of performing head butts perfectly — one of the surest ways of bringing an opponent “down” without further action!)
- * The amazing “filthy cat fight” trick that even urban street fighters never learn... which will allow you to control anyone who isn’t bald!
- * The 12 take-down tricks that are never taught in karate “schools”!

- * How to avoid the horrible mistake most fighters make with groin kicks!
- * “Short Cut” kicks you can learn and use immediately... no matter how uncoordinated or clumsy you are!
- * How to negate (with simple pain-control moves) the common “harassment” attacks — bear hugs, full nelsons, and head locks — that are used against women!
- * Simple controlling moves that force your *attacker* to decide if he wants to come away with a broken arm or give up! (And how to keep him down — without serious damage — until the cops arrive!)
- * How rookie fighters “telegraph” their moves... and not to do it yourself (and use your knowledge to gain advantages over your dumber attackers)!
- * How to reverse the worst fighting position you could ever find yourself in!
- * Your 5 best “first strikes” to end any fight instantly — a split second before it begins!
- * The sneaky ways professional fighters use the element of surprise to turn around dangerous situations... even when they’re the ones who’ve been “jumped” by an assailant unexpectedly!
- * The simplest way to gain a “technical” advantage when you appear to be overmatched!

And more. A *lot* more, in fact. For example, you’ll get simple exercises to specifically strengthen what’s weak in your “falling muscles”. (The identical conditioning exercises used by professionals!) You’ll learn how to train into *mastery* without breaking your partner’s bones. These moves look simple (almost too simple)... but their devastating power becomes evident the first time your partner goes a fraction of an inch too far. (Don’t worry, though — there are easy ways to make your practice sessions “fail safe”!)

You’ll understand “Shotgun and Uzi”



“...the research contained in this series of tapes is worth the price. Whatever the price of these tapes the total knowledge contained is worth ten times as much. I cannot say enough about this series, except that you should buy them and find out for yourself. Believe me, you won’t be disappointed.”

John “Dynamite” Donovan, U.S.A.R.
Major-Special Forces, Demolition editor for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, and 30 year practicing martial artist.

disarming techniques (many traveling Americans have found themselves in mega-armed terrorist situations overseas and here in the U.S.!)... How only 4–6 pounds of pressure can snap a shinbone... Why no professional would *ever* attempt the “spinning round house kicks” that are taught to every new karate student (and which take 2–5 years to learn correctly!)... How to “adjust” his attitude without doing obvious harm... A detailed “map” of anatomical targets (for example: where the thumb ends at the thigh is a *crucial* nerve point — reaction: numbing shock when kicked)... And, the most *decisive* move you can make to end *any* fight instantly!

As you can see, the secrets revealed in these amazing video tapes will give you a powerful new way of moving in the world, because...

You Will Never Again Walk Your Streets In Fear!

Are you having trouble believing all this? That's okay — I'm used to people being suspicious... *at first*. But the truth is, what you are about to learn is praised by professional soldiers, and law enforcement personnel all over the country.

I have included a sheet of "testimonials" with this letter from U.S. military generals, big-city police veterans and even the publisher of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine (who almost never gives endorsements). They *all* agree that this new system can be learned quickly and easily, and will work on the street under even the worst conditions imaginable.

Here is how we came to discover these "professional warrior" bare-handed fighting secrets: For a long time now, I have been connected to the "inside" of certain elite military and law enforcement circles. (Including the Navy SEALs — the most dangerous soldiers on the planet.) My goal is to help civilians like you to understand the super-effective fighting skills that have been developed. I want my family to feel as safe and protected as possible, and I'm sure you want the same for your loved ones.

Anyway, through certain inside "contacts" (which I am not going to tell you about) I was approached by two of the most respected professional combat trainers in the world: Randy Wanner is a feared martial arts expert who for years has been training federal and state law enforcement agencies in "street survival fighting tactics". (He was also the former Martial Arts editor for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine.) His name is well-known among the elite "warriors" of modern-day combat, and he has gone toe-to-toe with street fighters from all over the world to prove his techniques are superior to anything else out there.

Bob Taylor (who spent 2 tours in Viet Nam with the 101st Airborne, MACV-SERT, and the famous 75th Rangers) is considered one of the country's most experienced experts in counter insurgency operations; state, local and federal law enforcement agencies use him frequently for training. He is also a specialist in counterterrorism for African, South American and Central American governments.

These two guys are in demand all over

the world. Their clients include the U.S. military, big-city SWAT teams, international anti-terrorist squads and top security firms in 15 foreign countries. These clients hire Bob and Randy for just one thing:

Their Incredible Skill In Quickly Teaching Their Unique "Bare-Handed" Disarming and Disabling Techniques For Armed Attackers!

This new fighting system took over 20 years to develop. It was necessary because the techniques the police and the military used to use — based on centuries-old karate moves — simply were not effective in real combat conditions. Soldiers and officers who were supposed to be disarming their attackers were, instead, *getting shot and disabled themselves!*



"In my 50 years of military combat experience no one has done the hands-on research of being unarmed against a live weapon... until now! Study and master this tape. It will either save your life or save you years of imprisonment — as POW."

Maj. General John K. Singlaub, USA (Ret.)
General Singlaub's career was chronicled in his autobiography, *Hazardous Duty*, published by Summit Books.

Randy and Bob decided to find out what was wrong. There was only one sane way to do this. They used their connections within the military establishment to get "training" bullets for their weapons. These bullets (called "Red Jets") are almost impossible for civilians to get. They are made of wax and polymer, yet are calibrated to fire from real weapons and can blow a hole in quarter-inch plywood from 15 feet. These training bullets were necessary for Bob and Randy's research, because...

They Used This Live Ammunition On Each Other To Develop Their New Disarming System!

Let me tell you — it takes some kind of guts to face a gun loaded with live ammo. Those wax bullets travel at *over 400 feet per second...* and even if they don't tear up your body like real bullets, these guys have the scars to prove getting hit with them isn't pretty. (I personally saw Bob shred Randy's left earlobe during a demonstration of the "wrong" way to clear a gun! There was blood everywhere during the rest of the demo.) *No one else in the world has ever done this kind of live-weapon research!*

The first thing they found out, of course, was that 99% of the disarming tactics being used by soldiers and cops (and still being taught by smug karate masters who have never had to face a loaded gun in person) **DO NOT WORK!**

This has to stop. It's irresponsible. It's stupid — especially when Randy and Bob have, after 20 years of tough research, come up with simple and easy-to-learn ways that do work!

Their discoveries have revolutionized the way modern professional warriors approach armed attackers — already, there are cops who are on record saying these new skills have saved their lives in the street!

Why do you — as a civilian — need these skills? Are you kidding? The whole world has gone psycho. The odds that you will be faced by an armed attacker — without a weapon of your own to rely on — are getting worse every day. This kind of advanced knowledge (even if it is easy to learn) isn't a luxury for American men anymore. The facts are staggering:

* M.I.T. (the famous university) did a study uncovering the fact that 5 of every 6 twelve-year-old kids are going to be the victim of a violent crime in their lives! That's almost *everybody*, sooner or later! (Most kids — and most adults, too — simply do not have a *clue* how to defend themselves in a tight spot. When you show a lack of confidence in yourself, you become the most attractive target for criminals there is!)



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- * Jean O'Neil (of the National Crime Prevention Council) says that victims who are forced into an attacker's car *rarely* walk away alive! (Yet *most* people cannot mount even a feeble defense against someone forcing them through the door!)
- * And every kind of horrible crime is becoming more and more common — you are no longer safe in your home, in your car, in a restaurant, or on the street surrounded by other people! (Jerks with nothing to lose are now senselessly shooting their robbery victims even *after* they've gotten everything of value.)

"For a long time now, I have been connected to the "inside" of certain elite military and law enforcement circles. (Including the Navy SEALs — the most dangerous soldiers on the planet.) My goal is to help civilians like you to understand the super-effective fighting skills that have been developed. I want my family to feel as safe and protected as possible, and I'm sure you want the same for your loved ones."

What's more, new studies show that women who *fight back* are less likely to be raped. And that learning some form of self-defense is your *best bet* against a criminal population who is prepared to use force and violence on a whim.

But there's a **BIG** problem here. The way most Americans are going about getting prepared to defend themselves is simply...

Not Going To Work!

Here are the facts, my friend: Most martial art studios are run by people who have *never been in a real fight before in their lives...* and you will probably be trained (in a *huge* class) by people who have been prematurely promoted to "black belt" just to handle the classes! These "store front" studios operate exactly like health spas — they lure in large numbers of people, and get the money up front. It's a business.

And the garbage being sold to women offers only the pale illusion of self-defense: Tear gas will not work on a drug-crazed

attacker intent on harm. You saw what police "stun guns" did to Rodney King on that famous video: Nothing. Most rape-prevention seminars ignore the most common aspect of rape: The woman is thrown to the ground *first*, and then attacked. She will seldom get an opportunity to try the fancy knee-to-the-groin trick the seminars teach — a move which, by the way, is usually taught *completely wrong!* (You may think a "ball kick" is easy, but it's actually a *low-percentage* kick, and hard to pull off. There are several better and more *devastating* things to do, as Bob and Randy will soon show you.)

Even the fancy alarms and sirens people are "arming" themselves with are worthless

in most cases of attack. (They don't protect cars, they don't protect houses, and they won't "protect" you either.)

In reality, you have only two choices: Remain a vulnerable "potential victim" who trusts that God will protect you... or learn the RIGHT way to defend yourself.

It's not hard to do. In fact, it's relatively *simple...*

Once You Understand The "Inside" Secrets!

One of Bob's favorite hobbies is to attend the big conventions of gun enthusiasts. He will challenge 20 of them to line up with their favorite weapon (unloaded, of course) and, one by one, demonstrate how he could take the gun away from them before they could pull the trigger. And then he would do it, bop, bop, bop, all the way down the line, never using the same move twice, never breaking a sweat, and never using any but the most *simple* skills.

Sounds like something you might want to learn for yourself, doesn't it?

Well, there's a "hitch". You see, the only way to even get any personal training from Bob or Randy was to get into their heavily-monitored seminars. But to get in, you need 2 *forms of official credentials and licenses* (plus about \$850 for the full board of instruction). Only professionals — elite soldiers, police SWAT teams, high-profile security agents — have been allowed to learn this life-saving stuff...

Until Now!

Why now? Because, after about a year of intense negotiation, we convinced Bob and Randy to go into a video studio and — taking as long as they needed — produce the **first video package ever** of their most trustworthy techniques for facing an armed attacker bare-handed.

And they did just that. After weeks of filming and editing, they created the only package in existence for people (like you) outside the world of professional warriors. Yet they pulled no punches in presenting their new fighting system! What you get here is all their best techniques, best advice, and best training methods!

Here's what you get in this amazing, just-released video package:

- * Three full-length videos (almost 5 solid hours) — teaching you all the advanced combat techniques for instantly disarming and disabling (bare-handed) any assailant coming at you with a gun, club or knife (the most common weapons you'll see on American streets)!
- * Included is the famous "Dirty Tricks" video of Bob and Randy's favorite moves — really sneaky ways to manipulate and "put down" any attacker before he knows what happened... and keep him down until help arrives or you decide an "alternative" course of action! Even trained street fighters *twice your size* will go down fast — and *stay down* — with these astonishing fighting secrets!
- * Plus, you get your specially-made "replica" gun... yours FREE just for ordering the video tapes.

The techniques you will discover on these tapes are the *identical* ones taught to

elite soldiers, SWAT team cops and high-security personnel...

With One Important Difference!

In these videos, you get the incredible advantage of seeing everything via 3 separate cameras (mounted stage left, right, and overhead)... so you get *multi-angles* and *slow-motion repetitions* of each and every move! This means you get an increased understanding... and you'll follow a faster "learning curve" than even the professionals get during a seminar!

This is no Hollywood B.S.... these are real techniques used by cops and soldiers! **And make no mistake** — this stuff should *only* be used when you are faced with what the professionals call "Condition Red": The point where you have absolutely decided that your assailant has already made the choice to harm you.. *and you must act to save your life!*

That's what this tape package is all about. You, ultimately, have to take responsibility for yourself, and for your actions. We can't do that for you. Neither can we guarantee that what you learn here will make you invulnerable to harm — that would be a stupid claim, and you would be a fool to believe it. No, what you have here is an **OPTION**. You are giving yourself one more (powerful) choice in this crazed, dangerous world — the choice to not be a vulnerable victim who has no idea what to do... even though you know that

certain harm is imminent!

I don't rob people. I don't like to hurt anyone, and I don't like to see other people get hurt. It sickens me that the criminal element has taken over our streets, and is invading homes with impunity. That *sucks* — and I, for one, am damned glad to have tools like these to *take back* my little piece of the world.

And I believe you feel the same way.

That's why I've written this to you today. I want you to see these tapes for yourself. Right now.

Here's the deal: All you need to do is call my office at **1-800-899-8153** and ask for **Department FC-01** (that's a toll-free call and won't cost you a cent) and tell the person who answers that you want the "Fighting Chance" video package... along with your free replica gun. Have your credit card ready. Or, if you prefer to pay by check or money order, simply fill out the "Priority Order Form" below and mail it with your payment to:

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But you do need to hurry! Even though we have many allies in the military and law enforcement "brotherhood" who support our attempts to "de-victimize" civilians, you should know there are many others who are scared to death with the idea of giving these secrets away. We have already been "stopped" by the U.S. Navy for offering another product... and the truth is, there are no guarantees this product won't be "stopped" also.

If that happens, you won't be able to get this information at any cost, anywhere. So, you see, it's very important that you order now, while you have this letter in your hands... and don't risk having these tapes withheld from you!

Sincerely,



Dr. R.L. Horine
Director, TRS

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pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan was also trying to find rare medicines for Kim, who is now 53 and alleged to be in poor health from a variety of heart, kidney, liver and metabolic disorders.

Reportedly, one team had brought swallow droppings and a nest from Taiwan, and another had secured elixirs in China believed to be good for the lungs. Given the obsessive secrecy surrounding the Pyongyang regime, such published rumors are impossible to confirm ... but we're *not* making this up.

ETERNAL VIGILANTE, THE PRICE OF FREEDOM?

"Dead Serious Inc." is the name of a Fort Worth anti-crime group founded by reformed (we presume)

burglar Darrel Frank. For \$10 in annual dues, members get two "Dead Serious" bumper stickers and an occasional newsletter. According to the group's literature, members are also promised a \$5,000 cash payment (indemnity/bonus/reward/bounty) "in the event you kill someone in accordance with Texas Penal Code 9.42 while they are in the process of committing a crime against you, your family or your property." This may work even better than the "Insured by Smith & Wesson" bumper stickers, as criminals might get the mistaken idea you'd not only like to protect what's yours, but sell their hide in the bargain. Expect a liberal/criminal backlash.

FINED CHINESE DINING

Diners at restaurants in Nanning, capital of the

southwestern Chinese autonomous region of Guangxi Zhuang, can now be fined for not cleaning their plates. One eatery posted a sign stating that for every 100 grams (about 3 ounces) left uneaten, the diner will be fined 10 yuan (about a buck).

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Candy-strippers, strap-hangers and fantazoids need not apply, but if you've been there and got shot at, contact SOA (5130 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite 5-583F, Las Vegas, NV 89122) and ask them for a membership application. Have your DD-214 ready.

BUREAU OF MILITARY TRAINING

Serving members of the regular armed forces seeking bodyguard training, or armed forces mem-

bers seeking resettlement training in bodyguarding may now attend courses run in Germany for GI bodyguard units. Courses are organized at the U.S. Army HQ near Stuttgart. Those seeking resettlement training can contact the BMT (IBA) through their resettlement officer. Contact: The Coordinating Officer, Bureau of Military Training (IBA), U.S. Army Headquarters (Europe), CMR 445, Army Post Office Box 819, APO AE 09046.

SECOND AMENDMENT RALLY

The 1995 Second Amendment Rally for California will meet on the steps of the state capitol in Sacramento on Saturday, 1 July. There will be booths, exhibits and special guest speakers. For further info contact Peter Nesbitt; phone: 707-429-2871. ✕

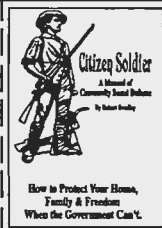
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by Douglas Burnham

Battle experiences from World War I to Desert Storm consistently show that the preponderance of battlefield casualties are inflicted by *artillery*.

As a former Marine I've always had questions relating to artillery, but never

tar, which impressed me with its ability to cover large areas very quickly.

The opportunity for a close-up encounter with the big guns came recently at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, home of the 2nd Marine Division and the 10th Marine Artil-

lery Regiment. His radio is a direct link with the Fire Direction Center (FDC).

The FDC is located near the Battery Command Post. The FDC receives the call and the coordinates are fed into the Battery Computer System (BCS). The BCS com-

putes elevation, deflection and charge to use with the gun. At this time, the firing coordinates are checked on a map of friendly positions, to make sure that our own forces are not targeted.

If the infantry platoon is on the move, the FO will continually call in the platoon's new position so that the FDC map of

friendlies remains current. So far, the FDC has received coordinates from the FO and the BCS has computed the information to get the gun set up to fire.

The FDC now calls to one of the battery's six guns with the information



M198 155mm howitzer of Fox Battery, 10th Arty, 2nd Marine Division, awaits a fire order. Since World War I more wartime casualties have been caused by artillery fire than any other means. Photo: Douglas Burnham

the chance to ask. My background as a grunt was during the hollow military of the mid to late '70s. Training then was austere, and we seldom even saw live ammo. I never saw a howitzer fired, or learned how to call in fire and see what damage it could do. The biggest support weapon I saw fired was the 81mm mor-

lery Regiment.

The Marine Corps currently assigns an artillery Forward Observer (FO) with every platoon that gets a combat assignment. This saves platoon commanders from having to call for fire while coordinating their attack: The observer will see the need for artillery support and automatically call it in.

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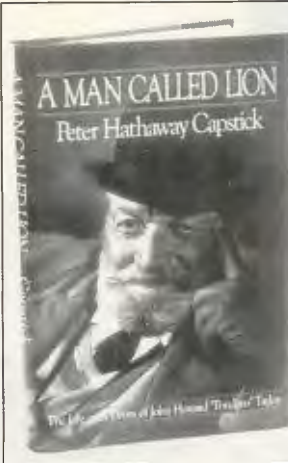
needed to fire. The gun crew aims the gun, sets the fuze, loads the 155mm shell and behind that the correct powder charge, all done with the information from the BCS. The primer is then put into the gun and the FDC notified they are ready to fire. The FDC then gives permission to fire and the gun sounds off.

The impact is observed by the FO who then can call in any adjustments required to hit the target. When the FO reports the rounds on target, the FDC gets the information from this one gun and feeds it into the BCS: The BCS computes the information needed so the other five guns can bracket the target. Once these guns are aimed, all six guns fire for effect, which is usually two rounds per gun. This means 12 155mm high explosive (HE) shells will impact on the target in three minutes.

Elapsed time from the FO calling in his coordinates until the first round is fired is three minutes. It takes another three minutes to fire the actual 12 rounds of the mission, so total time for the entire mission, including adjusting fire, takes around 10 minutes. Folks, that's 12 rounds (half a ton) of 155mm shells on target within 10 minutes of sighting the enemy.

But what about the performance of 155mm HE rounds — what happens to targets hit by this ordnance? High explosive shells weigh 95 pounds and can be fired 18 clicks (11 miles)! The lethal bursting radius is 50 yards for troops in the open, but it can inflict injuries on troops up to 200 yards away. Other shells available include illumination, smoke, white phosphorous and Improved Conventional Munitions (ICMs), a cluster-bomb shell. There are a few other types of specialty, but seldom used, rounds. Fuzes can be set to detonate rounds at different altitudes for maximum lethality.

To see if what I was being told about the power of the HE shell was true, or if the gun crews were exaggerating, I went to an observation point to see firsthand. The shells were impacting three kilometers, or about two miles, away, at which distance the shell still produced a significant *WHAM!* and a large, visible dust cloud. These were very large explosions. The 50-yard lethal radius was visible and believable — they had not exaggerated. To be caught in the target area with these shells coming in would mean complete devastation. ☒



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Tripods & Hip-Shooting SEALs

by Peter G. Kokalis

Tripods have served as firing platforms for machine guns since the very beginning. Although most often mounted on artillery-type, horse-drawn, wheeled carriages, even manually-operated machine guns, such as the Gatling, Hotchkiss, Gardner, Robertson and Nordenfelt were sometimes fired off of tripods.

Tripods provide a more stable firing platform than the bipods more frequently attached to squad machine guns today. "Fire and maneuver" tactics developed during the 1960s relegated tripod-mounted machine guns to static perimeter-defense roles only. However, the tripod has recently shown signs of a modest revival with the U.S. Marine Corps' recent adoption of the M240G (see "Semper Mag," Feb. '94). They intend to deploy this machine gun almost exclusively from a tripod. To this end the Marines have developed a new lightweight version of the M122 tripod (nothing more or less than the M2 tripod used with .30 caliber Browning air-cooled machine guns during World War II and the Korean War — the nomenclature was changed when a new pintle system was adopted for the M60 GPMG) and the LTM-M122 flex mount (a lightened version of the FN soft mount as already used with the M240E1 mounted on the LAV).

Truly lightweight tripods, usually carried by the assistant gunner can be deployed almost as quickly as a bipod-equipped GPMG. Tripods permit far more precise searching and traversing fire than can ever be obtained from a belt-fed machine gun mounted on only a bipod. Furthermore, when deployed for perimeter defense and with all three tripod legs sand-bagged, a tripod-mounted machine gun maximizes the weapons systems' accuracy potential and significantly reduces the size of the beaten zone.

The very first tripods used with machine guns like the Maxim (first firing specimen produced in 1884) and Browning M1895 "Potato Digger" were oriented with two legs forward and the third leg directly to the rear. The rear leg usually had a seat upon which the gunner sat while firing. It didn't take too many dead machine gunners to determine that, while comfortable, this high-profile perch was an inviting target for enemy fire. The seat was subsequently removed and tripods were re-oriented with one leg to the front and two legs to the rear so that the gunner could lay in the prone position between the two rear legs. This is the orientation of the Browning Machine Gun (BMG) M2/M122 tripod.

This tripod was devel-

oped as an alternative to the heavy tripod and cradle system used with the Browning M1917A1 water-cooled machine gun. Its traversing bar has an engraved scale, divided into 100-mil major divisions and 5-mil subdivisions, to assist in measuring or establishing horizontal angles. A mil is a unit of angular measurement, principally used in the artillery, and equal to 1/6400 of a complete revolution. One mil is equal to 36 inches at 1,000 yards.

It was to the M2 tripod that the Stoner 63(A) machine gun (see "Stoner's Super 63," July '91) — made famous by U.S. Navy SEALs in Vietnam — was attached by means of a special adapter cradle. There is no evidence that the Stoner was ever deployed in combat in this manner and these cradles are quite rare. No more than approximately 3,600 Stoner 63(A)s were ever produced. There are probably less than 200 specimens in the hands of



When fired off the tripod the Stoner 63A machine gun exhibits exceptional accuracy potential with a very small group dispersion. This Stoner 63A with right-hand feed and bottom cocking has been mounted on a M2/M122 BMG tripod with one of three different cradle adapters made for this purpose. Photo: Peter G. Kokalis

The tripod's Traversing and Elevating (T&E) mechanism is attached to the traversing bar and the machine gun's rear mounting point. The gun's front tripod mounting point holds the pintle which drops into the tripod's pintle bushing. The scales on the T&E mechanism are also graduated in mils.

collectors in this country.

Well-known sound-suppressor designer Tim D. Bixler (SCRC, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 660, Katy, TX 77492; phone: 713-492-6332, fax: 713-578-2124) has a fascination for the Stoner 63(A), as do I and a substantial number of other machine-gun enthusiasts. The cali-

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Bixler makes not one, but three different tripod cradles for the Stoner 63(A). All three are made of 6061-T6 aluminum alloy which has been hard-anodized and then Teflon-coated. Tim's shortest cradle is an almost exact copy of the original Stoner 63 tripod cradle which used the standard .30 caliber BMG pintle. This cradle costs \$350.

Bixler's second cradle is an improved copy of the original Stoner 63A tripod cradle. Longer than the first cradle, it has holes in the bottom which are present for cosmetic reasons only — to match the ventilation holes in the Stoner 63(A)'s barrel jacket. Wherever possible, Bixler has TIG-welded these cradles, instead of using screws and bolts, for added strength. The original Stoner 63A tripod cradle had a smaller pintle, but Tim felt that it would not be cost-effective to machine a special pintle, since BMG pintles are plentiful. This

cradle has been designed to accommodate Stoner 63A's set-up for left-hand feed and right-side cocking. This cradle provides the lowest possible center of gravity for the weapon. If your Stoner has left-hand feed only, this is the best cradle for your gun. It costs \$450. This cradle also has a semi-circular cutout that permits the easily-lost, paddle-type magazine catch/release (for the Stoner rifle configuration) to remain on the receiver.

For those with Stoner 63As equipped with the exotic and rare right-hand feed system and bottom cocking, Bixler makes a tripod cradle which has been elevated by an inch, front and rear, to accommodate the extended bottom cocking handle. This cradle has been lightened as much as possible and both sides of the cradle have been relieved so that the standard-length bottom cocking handle can be retracted from either side. This cradle can be used with both right-hand and left-hand feed Stoners. The price is \$550.

Those interested in the Stoner

63 series would be well-advised to obtain a copy of *The Stoner Machine Gun: A Navy SEAL Remembers* video distributed by Paladin Press (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 1307, Boulder, CO 80306; phone: 800-392-2400). My friend and a leading authority on the Stoner, Jerry Tarble, served as technical adviser. It features all five Stoner 63A configurations, an abundant amount of Vietnam-era combat footage, and the fascinating reminiscences of a former Navy SEAL. This is exciting stuff for only \$29.95.

My only criticism is of the SEALs, not the video, who clearly demonstrate what I have always maintained: They are hip-shooting blasters with no regard for fire discipline. SEALs employ machine guns like bullet hoses to suppress enemy fire and gain fire superiority while they are withdrawing from an operation. You will see no bipods on Navy SEAL Stoners.

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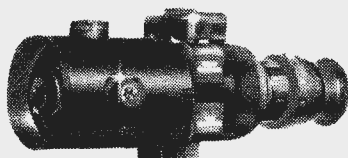
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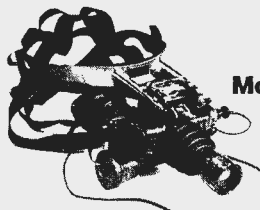
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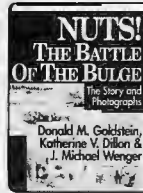
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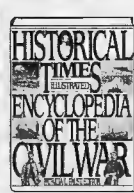
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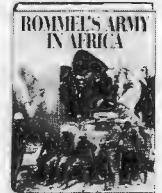
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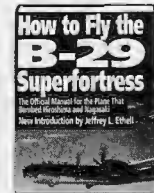
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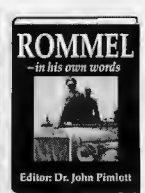
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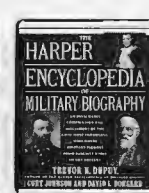
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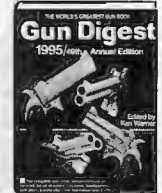
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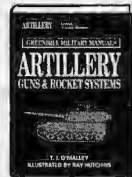
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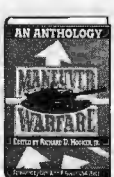
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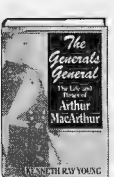
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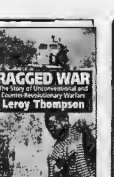
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By executive order, President Clinton has ordered a crackdown on federal workers who dodge their child support obligations. With a perfectly straight face he warned the deadbeats, "We will find you. We will catch you. We will make you pay." Clinton said the order will make the federal government "a model employer in the area of child-support enforcement." The administration estimates some 105,000 federal workers, including as many as 74,000 in military jobs, are avoiding child support or efforts to establish their paternity.

The order specifically requires federal agencies to search their payroll files annually for names of unsupportive parents reported to the IRS; the order will give states any names found in the cross-matching, and allows states to determine whether wage withholding or "other enforcement actions" should be taken; it gives the DoD 180 days to study why military

employees are such an apparent problem, and requires the DoD to make recommendations concerning "additional administrative, regulatory and legislative improvements."

Well, those of us who either bust butt to take care of our own or have opted not to have dependents are disinclined toward taxpayer support of deadbeats' dependents. And we'll just bet there's a number in Arkansas who hope this executive order also applies to the commander in chief.

GRAND JURY WHITEWATER INDICTMENT

A grand jury investigating the Whitewater affair has indicted the former president of Perry County Bank, Neal T. Ainley. Ainley is charged in five felony counts with failing to report cash withdrawals by Bill Clinton's 1990 gubernatorial campaign.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's office announced the indictment, which accuses Ainley of "concealing from the IRS and others the withdrawal of large amounts of United States currency by the 1990 Clinton campaign." It specifies that Ainley failed to report withdrawals of \$30,000 by the campaign on 25 May and \$22,500 on 2 November of that year. Federal

law requires that all cash transactions totaling more than \$10,000 be reported to the IRS.

BUT, WHO'S KEEPING SCORE?

The Clinton administration seems headed into the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Attorney General Janet Reno has appointed a *third* special counsel, this time because HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros lied to the FBI about his former mistress during the Senate confirmation process. Another independent counsel is digging into Clinton's personal finances when he was governor of Arkansas, and yet another is investigating former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who quit after being accused of taking gifts from companies regulated by his department.

Others in the Clinton administration currently under Justice Department investigation include:

- Ron Brown: Investigators are attempting to determine if the commerce secretary properly disclosed his finances and complied with existing tax laws. Charges last year that he accepted bribe money from a Vietnamese businessman were not proven.

- Ira Magaziner: Federal prosecutors have been asked to examine whether the White House adviser committed perjury about activities of Hillary's health care reform task force.

In addition there are a number who broke and ran or were canned, but may or may not be under active investigation for wrongdoing:

- Webster Hubbell: Former number three man at the Justice Department quit and later pleaded guilty to bilking his former law firm and clients out of \$400,000.

- Bernard Nussbaum: Former White House counsel resigned in January under pressure for his handling of the Whitewater affair.

- Roger Altman: Former deputy treasury secretary resigned as a result of controversy over his role in the Whitewater affair.

- Joan Hanson: Former treasury general counsel resigned with Altman after testifying at the same congressional hearings on Whitewater.

- Joycelyn Elders: Former surgeon general was sacked last year after saying school children should be taught masturbation.

- David Watkins: Former White House administrator glommed a presidential helicopter for a golf outing. He resigned and is repaying the government.

- Les Aspin: Former defense secretary resigned over U.S. military policy in Somalia.

Some Clinton administration staffers took the easy way out, even though there was no indication they were involved in any wrongdoing: Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen quit and went home to Texas, and presidential counsel Vince Foster woke up dead.

WE CHECKED IT OUT

There is no truth to published rumors that the Clinton administration hoped to save money by firing some of the 300,000 cattle guards presently on public lands in the 11 western states. ✕



Jerry Peterson, The One And *Only* Creator Of The Official U.S. Navy SEAL Combat System, Shows You How To Defeat *Any* Fighting Technique On Earth

Compare This 'Scientific' System With Other 'Wanna-Be' Programs And You'll Instantly See Why It's Required SEAL Training!

Six years ago the Navy SEALs began using a scientific fighting system so powerful that today they're recognized as the most potent fighting force on the face of this earth.

The creator and designer of this system, Jerry Peterson, became the first civilian ever to standardize and license a hand-to-hand fighting system to the U.S. Military. Here's how it happened and why it's important to you.

In 1989, Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC), the group which controls all SEAL activity, was looking for ways to standardize hand-to-hand combat techniques. After an exhaustive review, they had rejected every single martial art form in the world.

They found each completely unworkable in combat-oriented fighting situations where SEALs were in full gear, carrying 100# packs, and often knee-deep in water.

Amazing Scientific System

Then a SEAL NSWC officer (with black belts in 3 martial arts) saw Jerry Peterson's scientific fighting system. What he stumbled on wasn't martial arts. In fact it was unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

The SEAL officer watched in disbelief as a class of inexperienced students threw real punches for virtually an entire hour, never repeating the same sequences. In one session he witnessed more fighting than most martial arts students see in a year.

Later, two top brass at NSWC saw the officer demonstrating moves he'd learned. But intrigue turned to doubt when they learned the originator was an ex-Army enlisted man.

Still they met with Jerry, as much out of admiration for his Vietnam record as anything (he spent 15 months as lead point for Charlie Company, the 173rd Airborne — one of the most decorated units of the war). The SEAL officers, Vietnam vets themselves, figured Jerry at least ought to understand their needs.

But they were totally unprepared for what happened next. To prove his system, Jerry Peterson and a highly-decorated SEAL Officer (and at 240, 100 pounds heavier than Jerry) went toe-to-toe — but at half speed. To the Officer's amazement he was instantly disabled and dropped to his knees.

Only then did he realize — had he not been talked out of going full speed by others who knew the awesome power of Jerry Peterson's system, his false confidence in his martial arts training and in his sheer size advantage would have left him with an arm broken as easily as a match stick!

'Blown Away' In Just Minutes

In 5 short minutes these SEAL officers — men who had seen everything in the way of brutal fighting, and who had virtually unlimited budgets to develop the SEALs into the world's best — were blown away by Jerry Peterson's *Autokinematic™* fighting system.

Following a pilot program at Command headquarters all SEALs began receiving this training. Still, hardheaded, cocky, non-believ-

ing SEALs, many with extensive martial arts backgrounds, constantly tested Jerry in situations like these:

□ SEALs are the most proficient combat swimmers in the world. Yet 40-year old Jerry (who wasn't a particularly good swimmer) "drowned" SEAL after SEAL in training. His scientific principles (this isn't a graceful art form) apply on any terrain:

□ SEALs are trained to run 20 miles in soft sand. But Jerry (who really wasn't in great shape) had them gasping just 5 minutes into his first workouts while he participated effortlessly. He used breathing techniques others had never seen (techniques he can teach you in minutes).

□ Once, Jerry challenged an entire platoon to pin him against a wall. All thought it a joke. Yet he escaped — from the grasp of 14 of the most proficient fighting men in the world (then demonstrated it was no trick — simply physics, and easily learned).

Today all SEALs use these scientific techniques and many more. Since 1989, Navy SEAL platoons go through a minimum of 40 rigorous hours of Jerry Peterson's training prior to deployment.

His system was demonstrated to Navy Admirals, a 4-Star General, and Congressional leaders — as well as the Secretary of the Navy and the U.S. Secretary of Defense!

Jerry was even called in prior to Desert Storm to brief the military on using *Neural Offensive Linguistics™* (a cornerstone of his system, it defines a mind set which eliminates all defensive thinking, allowing anyone [even you] to make instantaneously clear and correct decisions in the midst of any hostile environment).

Devastatingly Powerful

Yet if you expect to use Jerry Peterson's military techniques in civilian situations you're going to get yourself into trouble. Military confrontations are simply not the same as civilian.

What you need to know are methods even the military is not taught.

And now, in the most recent release of his system, Jerry reveals the specific techniques you must know to control any hostile civilian situation. It's called *Jerry Peterson's Hostile Control Systems*, and used correctly, this system is *undefeatable*.

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Combat Proven

Everything in this system was proven in the most intense war lab of the past 30 years — Vietnam! But please understand.

This is not a course to impress friends at your local Karate studio. It's a professional fighting system.

You won't see Jerry Peterson or his pro-

fessional instructors on the Ultimate Fighting Challenge. This isn't sport fighting. Professional fighting has but one objective: to defeat an attacker. And to do it incredibly fast — in 20 years Jerry's longest fight lasted a mere 5 seconds!

This system is only for those who need a powerful yet amazingly simple system (simple because it's based on quickly-mastered scientific principles not on a difficult art form) to protect them in life-threatening situations.

No Navy SEAL has ever lost in hand-to-hand combat when correctly applying Jerry's system! And they never will because...

His System Is Undefeatable

One more thing. Cheap imitators may try to claim they've trained Navy SEALs, but let me explain what they've actually done.

SEAL platoons have discretionary funds they use to bring in all sorts of instructors. For example, they've hired the Evelyn Wood™ company to teach speed reading.

And that's the level these cheap imitators are working at. They've gone in at an 'Evelyn Wood' level and given their program to a platoon — maybe to just 1 or 2 men. But they're not the genuine thing.

Jerry Peterson is the sole creator of the official hand-to-hand combat fighting system used by the U.S. Navy SEALs today.

Want to call these imitator's bluff? Jerry's official Naval Special Warfare course number is K-431-0096. Under the Freedom of Information Act call the Government Information Office and verify for yourself that this course, *Special Combat Aggressive Reactionary System (SCARS)* truly exists. You won't get details about it because it's restricted.

But ask these Navy SEAL 'wanna-be' trainers what their official government course number is. You'll find they haven't got one!

In fact, if you're in a violent confrontation and all you have is these 'wanna-be' techniques, you might just be safer pulling out a book and trying to impress the assailant with your speed reading skills!

So now you decide. Do you want to learn more 'disguised' martial arts from cheap imitators coming in at the level of Evelyn Wood instructors?

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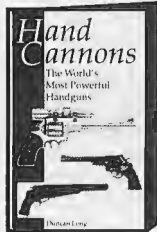
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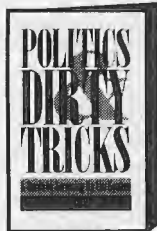
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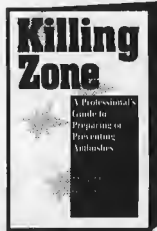
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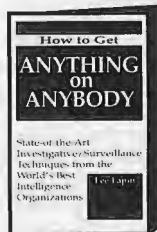
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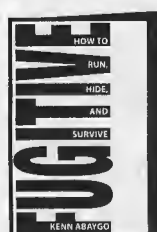
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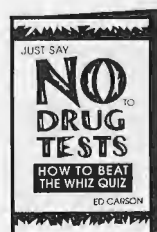


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RUSSIA

Defense Minister Grachev orders T-80 improvements based on excessive casualties in Chechnya. All vehicles must be fitted with reactive armor and ammo storage units must be redesigned. Autoloaders prove too slow and gas turbine engines are unreliable.

Navy Lt. Col. Alexei Tikhomirov testifies how he and accomplices were able to steal 4kg of uranium reactor fuel pellets "more easily than stealing a sack of potatoes" by prying a padlock from a locker with a crowbar. They kept the fuel for seven months but were unable to find a buyer. U.S. technicians install security system at unguarded Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow which houses huge stockpiles of nuclear material.

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BOSNIA

U.N. officials watch 20 helicopters flying in and out of Bosnia from Serbia in violation of No Fly Zone. Bosnian Serb forces prevent U.N. observers from using ground-mounted radar to track the flights.

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ALGERIA

Islamic fundamentalists kidnap and behead Ahmed Kasmi, a member of the ruling council. Giving up on a peaceful solution, government sends FIS leaders under house arrest back to prison and declares its commitment to ending fundamentalist violence.

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NICARAGUA

President Chamorro refuses to publish new constitutional amendments in the *Government Gazette*, a step necessary to their becoming law. Legislators publish their own edition, claiming this makes them law.

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COLOMBIA

President Samper stuns military and wins praise from human rights groups by admitting government troops massacred 107 civilians in Trujillo during anti-guerrilla campaigns in 1988-90.

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PERU

Peruvian planes bomb Ecuadoran positions near disputed Cordillera del Condor zone to back up ground assaults. Conflict may have been sparked by a recent deal in which Ecuador licensed a U.S. oil company to drill in the area, then reinforced its troops to protect the drilling sites. Fighting intensifies in Tiwinza area.

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HAITI

Aristide government removes 43 top military officers including all three brigadier generals. Analysts believe Aristide is trying to dismantle the army, not rebuild it.

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CHINA

Government prepares to enforce its claim on Spratly and Paracel islands and surrounding oilfields by building up new forces and facilities including: new radar with 2,000-mile range, Su-27 fighters, B-6 bombers, 331 landing craft and seven bases. Chinese buildup occurs during a Russian and American naval withdrawal from the area.

Weapon designers unveil new 70-foot long "supergun" that fires 85mm shells as far as 200 miles, and may be a technology demonstration program for future, larger weapons. Designs are possibly based on work by Gerald Bull, which Iraq used to build its superguns.

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FRANCE

Officials admit for first time the existence of 185-man Deep Penetration Search and Action Unit similar to U.S. LRRP and British SAS. They are capable of parachuting from 33,000 feet out of airliners and use GPS during freefall to land accurately.

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PANAMA

Police find 102 assault rifles, 23 rocket launchers, 21,000 rounds of ammunition and 1,716 pounds of explosives inside a steamroller scheduled for export to Ecuador. Explosion occurs when, searching for drugs, police burn a hole into the steamroller, killing three and wounding 21.

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PHILIPPINES

President Ramos orders increased military patrols of Spratly Islands and surveillance of Mischief Reef — recently occupied by China.

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BURMA

Karen National Union vows to defend its last base in Burma, Kaw Moo Ra, to the final round. Burmese troops cross into Thailand to attack Kaw Moo Ra from the rear and bring artillery and mortars for an expected siege, but Karen rebels abandon base under heavy bombardment.

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SIERRA LEONE

Government troops recapture Sierra Rutile mine and advance on Patema, searching for kidnapped foreigners including seven Catholic nuns. Nigerian officials consider sending troops to back government forces. Government admits to hiring a few Gurkha mercs as trainers.

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TURKEY

Forces expand winter campaign against PKK rebels to Bingol and Elazig provinces. Turkish planes bomb PKK bases in Bingol and troops mass on Iraqi border north of Zakho.

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MEXICO

President Zedillo orders the arrest of Mayan Zapatista leaders after police discover arms caches in Mexico and Veracruz. "Subcommandante Marcos" is identified as Rafael Sebastian Guillen Vicente, a Jesuit-educated son of a wealthy family from Tampico. He had worked for Sandinista labor unions in Nicaragua during early '80s.

Former-president Salinas leaves Mexico after his brother is implicated in the murder of presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio.

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SOMALIA

U.N. investigators report that most of the payroll for Somalis U.N.-hired ultimately funded rival clan militias. U.N. forces abandon Mogadishu airport and it is immediately stormed by hundreds of looters.

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DISARM AMERICANS —ARM MEXICANS

Let me get this straight! Hillary doesn't trust us with semiautos but will send 48,000 M-1 carbines and \$40 billion in welfare to the Mexicans? I've got a better idea. Let's tighten the border, round up the illegals, put an M-1 carbine in their hands and send them back.

Let the Mexicans solve their own problems. Mexico isn't the impoverished nation the media makes it out to be. Mexico ranks No. 4 in the world in number of billionaires living there. Leave Mexico to the Mexicans and control the border.

Bill Butson
Lenoir, North Carolina

ZAPATISTAS FIGHTING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

I could not disagree more with W. M. Lawson ("FLAK" April '95) when he writes that Commander Marcos and his Zapatistas are a long term solution to the Mexican problem.

If they were to take control, they would install a Stalinist regime: The poor would become poorer and the elite of the revolutionary forces would take over the country and become the new rich. This is fighting for a change in the

wrong direction.

The first victims of a Zapatista government would be the Mexican people who would have even less freedom, less democracy and an

strict judge, hang him and videotape the event. Unfortunately this "gang that couldn't think straight" blabbed their plans over hand-held radios and someone informed the

are coming to our sheriff's department from militia crazies all over the country. Uh, oh, here comes the FCC and Janet Reno's multi-jurisdictional band of baby burners!

Militias should stand between the citizenry and a runaway government but should not commit acts of terrorism while legal remedies are available. It's better to run for office than to run for your gun.

If I didn't know better, I'd say Trochmann was in the pay of the federal law enforcement agencies as he certainly did what they wanted to have done before the next congressional budget hearing. Now the rest of us get to suffer.

Name withheld
by request

Our mentioning of various militias in the April cover story is by no means an endorsement of any of them. Like people, there are good ones and bad ones. To help you stay on the good side, a new book on how to establish and run an efficient militia is available: Citizen Soldier, A Manual of Community Based Defense by Robert Bradley. Contact Middle River Press, P.O. Box 7402, Charlottesville, VA 22906 or call 1-800-3SURPLUS. Cost is \$15.95 postpaid.

PLAYING INTO HCP'S HANDS

In reference to Colonel Brown's "Command Guid-



economy destroyed by ever more state intervention. This would hurt Mexico and the United States. If they take over, the situation would likely become so bad that the flow of immigrants to the United States would increase several fold, well above the level our economy can accept.

B. Pestano
Miami, Florida

SOME MILITIAS ARE THE PROBLEM

Mike Williams' article on the militias came out the same weekend that John Trochmann, a founder of the Militia Of Montana (MOM), and six other clowns were arrested in Roundup, Montana. They planned to kidnap a dis-

sheriff's department.

Deputies rounded the bunglers up without a shot being fired, although all carried concealed handguns into various county buildings, including the sheriff's office. Officers found tie-wraps, duct tape, semiauto "assault" weapons, brass knuckles, ammo and \$80,000 in precious metals and cash in their vehicles. They've been charged with criminal syndicalism and carrying concealed weapons; other charges will likely be added. Bail is \$100,000 each.

Now our poor little county is overrun with federal terrorists including the FBI, ATF, INS, IRS, DEA and U.S. Marshals. Not only that, but thousands of threatening phone calls



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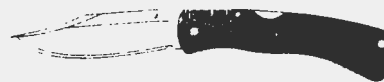
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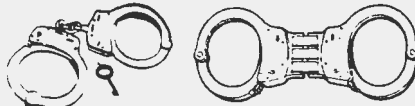
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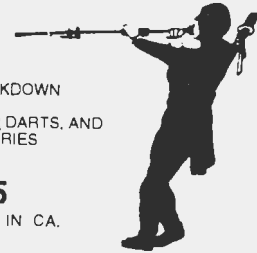


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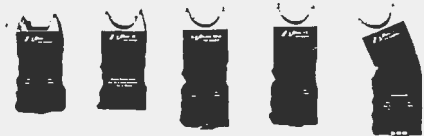
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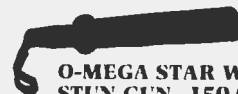


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ance" (SOF April '95): I am a former Army MP, current naval reservist and 14-year private security professional, and I'm having trouble supporting Brown's position concerning Robert Coleman.

According to the column, Coleman shot one of the assholes who tried to break into a neighbor's house. Unfortunately, he shot one of the idiots in the back at a distance of 300 feet. Maybe there was more to the story than written in the column, but trying to justify Coleman's actions by saying these men shouted threats while running away is not only ridiculous but dangerous to the very causes Brown is attempting to support.

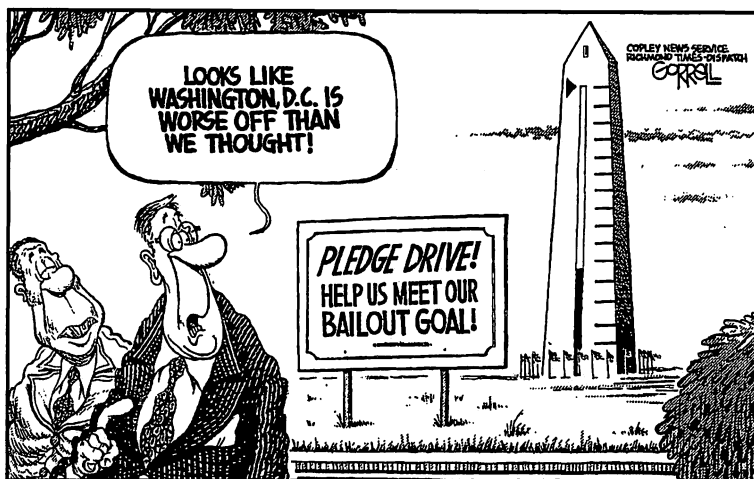
Most of us would like to do as Coleman did because of the frustration we experience with criminals every day, but we have the common sense and professionalism to think through our actions. If we try to justify shooting someone in the back at 300 feet while they're running away because they made some verbal threats, what are we justified doing to the idiot that cuts us off in traffic?

Coleman's actions fit perfectly into HCI's agenda by demonstrating the irrational results that can happen if we allow even Vietnam vets and former police officers the right to privately own firearms.

Charles Corbett Jr.
Spotswood, New Jersey

The central point of April's "Command Guidance" wasn't that Cole-

man was justified in his actions, but rather the gross unfairness of charging a responsible law-abiding citizen with felony assault when



there was no intent. He was defending his neighbor and neighborhood from scumbags, yet he will likely be the one who ends up in jail.

USA IN DECLINE BECAUSE OF SOF?

Yesterday, for the first time ever, I came across and read a copy of your magazine. What kind of society allows you to publish a contact magazine for mercenary killers, I ask myself? It is small wonder the U.S. of A is in a constant state of decline, both morally and culturally, when such filth can be freely published and circulated to all and sundry. No doubt you will decline to publish this letter as no one appreciates criticism, but my point is valid regardless.

Disgustedly yours,
Simon Leith
Perth, Australia

Glad to have you on board Simon. We'd send you subscription information, but you probably don't have the required Australian government permits to own SOF.

MILITARY VS. CIVILIANS NOT UNREALISTIC

I just finished reading the March "Bulletin Board" item "All Americans De-

ployed Against All Americans" where the author incredulously depicts a scenario where both the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions are deployed against U.S. citizens.

Well, I'm writing to remind you that this is not as far-fetched as it may sound. The 82nd was put on standby alert to jump into my hometown of South Boston, Massachusetts, in October of 1974. This simply because the concerned parents and residents dared to protest the decisions of a federal judge. Most protesters were women — mothers who didn't want their kindergartened children bused into the worst sections of Boston as a social experiment.

It was on special instructions from President Gerald Ford that the 82nd stood down, but the National Guard and police presence in South Boston continued and the neighborhood hasn't been the same since.

Brian A. Glennon
South Boston,
Massachusetts

DON'T KNOCK SINGAPORE

I was struck by the letter in the February issue from James Nagle who calls the caning of Michael Fay "... an arrogant insult from a people who are so jealous of our strength and prosperity that they can hardly stand it."

Baloney! I was there when Fay was caned. I work closely with a Singapore officer whose wife teaches at the school Fay attended. If Fay had tried on me just one of the many things he did to intimidate and harass his teachers and neighbors, he would not have had any butt left to cane.

I have been working closely with the Singapore army for the last year in a training capacity, and I'd like to ask when Nagle was here and for how long. I suspect he's been taken in by our left-wing press, which cannot find anything good to say about a country that confounded all their theories by rising from poverty to prosperity through free enterprise, instead of through socialism and total government control of the economy, and that fights crime by enforcing its laws.

Vern Humphrey
Singapore

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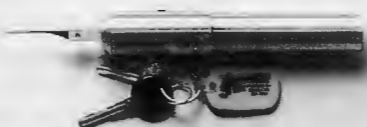
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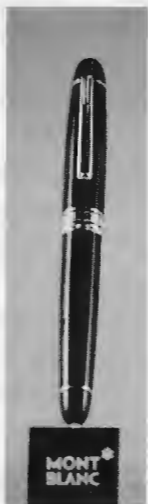


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NRA TAKES GUN BAN TO COURT

by *SOF* Staff

Gun owners knew that the concept and substance of gun provisions in the "Crime Control" bill were fatally flawed. Myriad politicians removed from office last November now know their decision to vote for it was flawed. Because the law itself is constitutionally wrong in form and structure, the NRA et al filed suit in U.S. District Court in Bay City, Michigan, on 7 February 1995 to have it overturned. *SOF* recently interviewed NRA's Assistant General Counsel Jim Warner on the specifics of suit No. 95CV10045BC, *National Rifle Association et al vs. John Magaw, director BATF and the United States*.

SOF: *Jim, can you tell us the thrust of the lawsuit, plaintiffs and status?*

JW: There are many plaintiffs, including Olympic Arms; Calico Light Weapons Systems; Navegar, which makes the Intratec Tech-9; D.C. Engineering, which manufactures magazines; plus several individuals. The relief we seek is a declaration that the portion of the semiauto ban, which defines the term, 'semiautomatic assault weapon,' is void for vagueness and because it denies equal protection. The whole of the Feinstein-Schumer Act denies equal protection to manufacturers.

SOF: *What do you mean 'denies equal protection?'*

JW: At the front of the statute is a list of 19 firearms, which by being named on the list, are defined as 'semiautomatic assault weapons' and

are banned from production, possession or transfer. In back, in appendix A of Feinstein-Schumer is a list of 650 'protected' firearms ... to which the ban will never apply as long as it is in effect, which is 10 years. This list of 650 really serves no purpose, but it opens with a list of semiautomatic center fire rifles. These all take a detachable magazine, yet the law does not ban them, although it bans other guns that are in every way similar.

SOF: *Give me a couple of examples, Jim.*

JW: Ruger Mini-14, Ruger Mini-30, Remington 7400, Iver Johnson M1 Carbine. These all take detachable magazines and in the words of the 6th Federal Circuit in the Springfield Armory case, they are of the same 'type, function and capacity' as those banned. Further, the Ruger Mini-14 is on the protected list, but there is a parentheses after Ruger Mini-14 saying, '(without folding stock).' The same is true on the list of protected rimfire semiautos — the Ruger 10-22 is protected '(without folding stock).' The Ruger Mini-30 appears on the protected list without any parenthetical qualifications. Under the law, if you make this qualification in one place and not in another, it is because you did not mean it to apply in the other case; therefore, you can infer that Congress did not intend to ban production of the Ruger Mini-30 with a folding stock.

The Choate folding stock for the Ruger Mini-30 and Mini-14 has both

pistol grip and folding stock. These are both features on the generic criteria test for semiautomatic assault weapons. The existence of more than one of the generic criteria classifies it as a semiautomatic assault weapon. Therefore, you can infer that the Ruger Mini-30 is an exception to the ban on firearms that fail the test. We know they make exceptions because the Henry Repeating Rifle — patented three weeks before Abraham Lincoln was elected — was [recently] being brought in from Italy, as a reproduction. It has a 14-round magazine. The BATF was going to ban its importation, then backed off. So, there's clearly an exception.

If the Ruger Mini-30 is protected with a folding stock but the firearms on the enumerated list are not protected, though they are of the same type, function and capacity, then this is a lack of equal protection.

SOF: *Jim, you mentioned in a previous conversation, you had also filed on the [interstate] commerce clause.*

JW: Yes. Alfonso Lopez Jr. was a Texas high school student who brought a pistol to school, to sell. He was charged as a test case under the new federal statute. His lawyer read the Federal Gun Free School Zone Act and said, 'Nowhere does Congress mention that a firearm must be in interstate commerce or affect interstate commerce.' Congress does not have plenary police powers. It only has the powers specifically given it by the Constitution. If they're going to interfere or intrude in areas historically reserved to the states — that is, control of education and carrying firearms — then they must explicitly state what constitutional power they're exercising in doing this. They did not do that in the Gun Free School Zone Act, and in the 5th Circuit on appeal, the decision of a trial court was upheld. They said [to the government], 'You have no authority whatsoever to pass this act in the first place.'

SOF: *Is that a separate lawsuit?*

JW: That's a separate lawsuit, now on appeal to the Supreme Court. In the Supreme Court it is very likely that the 5th Circuit will be upheld, which means that unless you state that guns have to travel in interstate commerce, a federal firearms bill is invalid. We've also plead that in our case in Bay City, Michigan, in the U.S. District Court. We are not going

to take any action on it until the Supreme Court decides the Lopez case.

SOF: *When you say you're not going to take any action on it, what do you mean?*

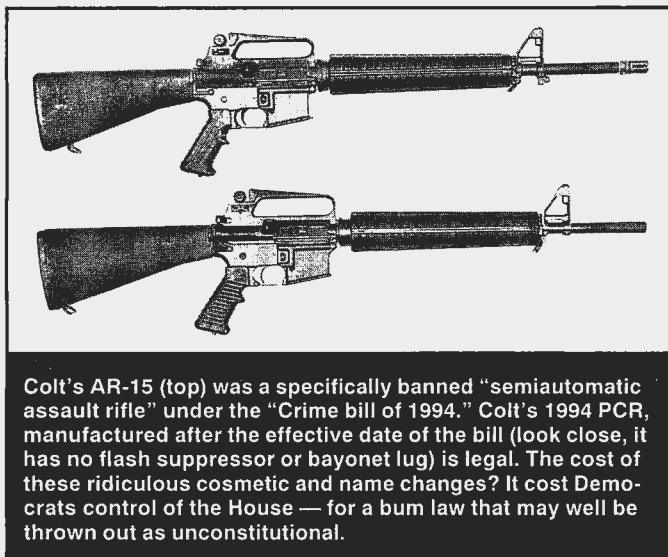
JW: We're not going to move for summary judgment on this count. The reason we filed it is, in Feinstein-Schumer nowhere does America's intellectual and cultural elite remember that they were supposed to tell us what constitutional authority they were exercising. And we know that states have historically reserved the right to restrict or ban semiautomatic assault weapons because they did it in Maryland, New Jersey and California, and they've also imposed magazine capacity limits in the District of Columbia, Maryland and New Jersey. So, these are powers historically reserved to the states.

SOF: *And the suit you filed in the 6th District contains both the equal protection and commerce clause issues?*

JW: Commerce, equal protection and vagueness. We are attacking it on vagueness on this theory: The definition, under the enumerated list, of a semiautomatic assault weapon reads as follows: 'The term "semiautomatic assault weapon" means any of the firearms or copies or duplicates in any caliber of the firearms "known as [fill in the blank]."' The first problem with this is they included in the terms to be defined the term 'semiautomatic,' which should have been one of the defining terms, and the term to be defined should have been 'assault weapon.' That would have saved them a lot of grief. But apparently, America's leading gun grabbers all had outcome-based educations and didn't know the simple principles of grammar and so have screwed themselves by the grammar of this.

The first problem here is the term 'copies,' because it doesn't define what a copy is — but if you read the list of enumerated firearms, the first one is Mitchell's Norinco or Poly Technology's copy of the Kalashnikov. And then it says in parentheses '(all models).' That means

any Kalashnikov is banned. Right below that is Israeli Military Industries' Galil. Well, the Galil is a Kalashnikov. But, since they listed it separately you have to infer that Congress meant for the term 'copy' to be very narrowly defined, since they only would have listed Galil separate from Kalashnikov if they thought the Galil would not be covered as a copy of the Kalashnikov. That means, as I said, that it's narrowly defined. Now, go back up to the definition and it says 'in any caliber.' Well, one of the plaintiffs is Navegar, manufacturer



of the Tech-9.

The Tech-9 is a blowback operated 9mm pistol. Since the statute says a copy 'in any caliber,' I have postulated a copy of the Tech-9 in .50 Browning ... blowback. The resulting firearm would bear no resemblance and no common parts whatsoever with the original Tech-9. That must mean that 'copy' can mean anything at all, just a vague theatrical-philosophical relationship, that is blowback or semiautomatic. How can something that only has the most remote theatrical-philosophical relationship be a 'copy'?

Should the Valmet be prohibited because it is a Kalashnikov, or did Congress exclude it because they thought it wasn't an assault rifle? We don't know. We have no way of knowing. Since it's ambiguous, a person who purchases a Valmet may very well find himself confronting a U.S. attorney. We have no protection against that at all. We have no guarantee that this will not happen. The ATF can say they're not going to en-

force it, but BATF can change personnel and there we are subject to felony penalties with no possible way to read the statute and know what kind of conduct the law demands.

Consider the term 'known as.' They did not say a semiautomatic assault weapon is any of the firearms that are the Colt AR-15, Sporter, etc... they just said the ones that are 'known as.' The Supreme Court has held that the use of the phrase 'known as' is by itself ambiguous. The reason is, you must then ask 'known as' by whom? How will the person purchasing the firearm know it is 'known as' a Kalashnikov if it doesn't say that on the side? By whom must it be known? An average person? A technical expert at BATF? It doesn't say. Without clearer language you cannot apply this to firearms 'known as.'

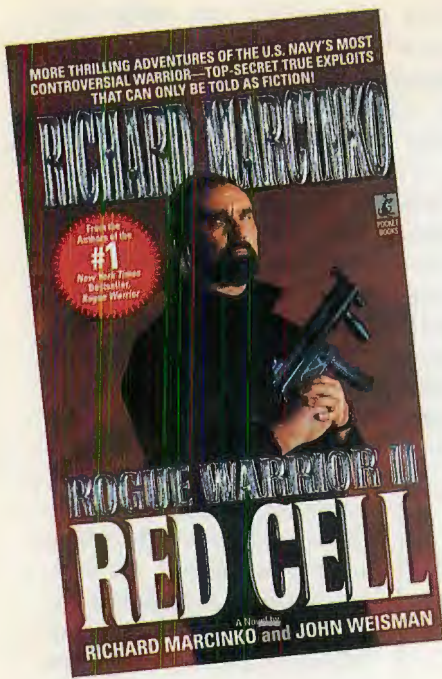
SOF: *If the NRA prevails will that mean Congress would have to reintroduce the legislation?*

JW: That's right, or at least try to amend it. We don't know what the outcome will be in Lopez, because in oral arguments one of the issues raised by some justices indicated they did not believe that

merely amending the Gun Free School Zone Act would cure the defect. So, we want to see what language they have with respect to that. It is of some interest to me that in all of the other three subtitles — the firearms provisions in the Crime bill are in Title 11, under four subtitles — Congress explicitly states it is relying on interstate commerce power to enact the law. But, with respect to Feinstein-Schumer, even in the floor debates transcribed in the legislative history, they never mention they have the power under interstate commerce to do this. And then finally in Title 32 of the Crime bill they amend the defect in the Gun Free School Zone Act regarding interstate commerce. So, they recognize in the same bill the necessity for asserting the interstate commerce power — and yet they fail to do it in Feinstein-Schumer.

SOF: *What's the schedule?*

JW: At any time we can file for summary judgment, and I'm trying to prepare for summary judgment as we speak. ✕



SEALS' TOP SECRET II

Marcinko's Red Cell Too Good For Own Good

by Dale Andradé
Photos courtesy author

After relinquishing command of SEAL Team Six, Richard Marcinko was hungry to return to the SpecOps community. He got his chance when the Navy formed Red Cell, a secret SEAL unit designed to infiltrate and attack naval installations. Last month's article detailed how and why Red Cell was formed; this month we show how Marcinko's erratic personality, rough-housing and inane desire to turn Red Cell into a real-world counterterrorist unit foreshadowed the end of his command, diminished the mission of Red Cell and forever embroiled the unit in controversy.

Red Cell had no time to rest. Immediately on the heels of CB-1 came CB-2, also held around Norfolk, Virginia. The exercise took place between 29 April and 3 May 1985 in conjunction with Solid Shield 85, an annual test of overall readiness of the Atlantic Fleet.

The basic scenario went like this: A mythical Caribbean island nation called Victoria had just rejected the Soviet Union and turned to the United States to guide it toward a capitalist, democratic system. The minister of defense and his wife were invited to visit Norfolk and review defense capabilities, but a leftist guerrilla group, called the Victoria Liberation Front, vowed to disrupt proceedings. Red Cell played the VLF.



Red Cell employed rigid inflatable boats to great advantage, often using them as platforms to "fire" wire-guided missiles at submarines. Their successes did not endear them to Navy brass.

During the exercise, the SEALs set remote-controlled "explosives" at the Naval Air Station fuel farm, swam across the bay to plant charges on a pier-side ship, and destroyed several planes at a nearby Military Airlift Command flight line. Red Cell even attacked a convenience store on the base, terrifying dozens of civilians and tying up traffic. "It was bold and brash — that's why it worked," one SEAL said. "The Marine guards were very pissed."

The final exercise was a hostage barricade. "Terrorists" snatched the

base commander as well as two FBI agents playing the roles of the Victoria defense minister and his wife. All three were volunteers. The SEALs tied up the base commander and sat him in a chair festooned with explosives. Then they turned their attention to the "minister" and his "wife."

"They tore the FBI agents up," one of the Essex cameramen on the scene remarked. "They made them drink water until they pissed in their pants. Then they tied the woman hostage to the television and turned up the volume so loud that she almost

went nuts.” In the end, Red Cell shot their hostages and escaped.

A string of new Red Cell exer-

story never revealed. As the crisis unfolded, Red Cell was flying to Italy for an exercise. When Marcinko heard

time and the Red Cell plane was diverted. The incident marked another level in the growing feud between Marcinko and the Navy.

Later that month Red Cell traveled to Naples, near the headquarters for the Navy’s Mediterranean Fleet. Old-line Marxist terrorist groups in Europe had made a comeback since the late 1970s and there was a fear that organizations such as Italy’s Red Brigades might strike at the American military presence. It had happened before, in December 1981, when they kidnapped General James Dozier in Rome.

Marcinko intended to use a similar scenario. During briefings with base officers he stressed that predictability was dangerous and that terrorists often watched their victims to learn their behavior patterns before striking. After giving the base brass an opportunity to change their ways, the SEALs started surveillance. The commander for the Navy’s fleet air assets in the Mediterranean (COMFAIRMED) apparently thought his security was strong enough, but within days the SEALs struck. The admiral was kidnapped from his car — in front of his terrified wife — bound and gagged, and thrown into the trunk of the “terrorist” getaway car. He was held for a few days and released with a warning, but within a



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In September, at the Navy’s Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu, California, a Red Cell team “destroyed” several brand-new F/A-18 Hornet aircraft, and then capped the escapade by “blowing up” Air Force One, the personal plane of the president of the United States.

Red Cell To The Rescue

Ironically, one of Red Cell’s first overseas missions coincided with a serious terrorist incident — the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship *Achille Lauro* by Palestinian terrorists in October 1985. President Ronald Reagan authorized the use of SEAL Team Six to rescue the hostages, although they were not employed. Navy F-14 Tomcats intercepted an Egypt Air jet carrying the terrorists to safety and forced it down in Sigonella, Italy. The press carried much of the story: surprised terrorists being led into custody by Italian authorities and a near firefight between SEAL Team Six and Italian police over who should take charge of the suspects.

But there was another part of the

that a SEAL Team Six mission was going down, he ordered that Red Cell be used to help with the hostage situation. This, he imagined, was what he had really designed Red Cell for in the first place. But Admiral Paul Butcher, the new officer at OP-06 in charge of the chain of command controlling Red Cell and a staunch Marcinko detractor, countermanded



Hostage-taking became a hallmark of Red Cell exercises and would lead to Marcinko’s downfall and Red Cell’s demise. Although a valuable training tool, these drills often got out of hand and occasionally turned to physical torture.

the order. Marcinko and Butcher had a shouting match over the aircraft radio in front of the team, but an admiral beats a commander every

week the SEALs grabbed him again.

Other incidents included prowling the crowded streets on motor scooters looking for naval personnel, then

pretending to shoot them dead before escaping into the traffic. The surprised victims were left with a sticker on their car windshields that read: "Bang. You're dead."

After a short respite Red Cell flew to the Far East where they first struck the Navy's sprawling facilities in the Philippines. Besides knocking out an important communications station at Santa Rita on the Bataan Peninsula, the SEALs took over the Officer's Club at Cubi Point, capturing the base commanding officer — who made the mistake of mouthing off and was tied up so tightly he could hardly move.

Then in early 1986, the SEALs were in Japan where they destroyed part of the huge fuel depot at Sasebo. Fuel from this facility was crucial to keeping U.S. forces in South Korea at a top state of readiness.

Epic Ego And Poor Judgment

One particular Red Cell exercise best illustrated the extremes to which Marcinko's ego and poor judgment could take him. It happened in March 1986, when Red Cell returned to the United States after playing terrorist in the Mediterranean and Asia.

The target was Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in Orange County. As a weapons facility, Seal Beach stored the newest in missile technology as well as high explosive ammunition for ships' guns. According to anti-terrorist threat analysts, the combination of massive highways, expanding airports and sprawling residential areas surrounding Seal Beach made the base vulnerable.

Red Cell flew to California on 10 March under the guise of an imaginary, homegrown terrorist group called "Nuclear Free America." The team planned to use a warehouse just inside the base as a central operations point, but a disagreement with security personnel sent Marcinko into one of his legendary rages. In his opinion they were incompetent — a feeling he had about base security personnel in general — and they were arrogant. But the core of his anger was aimed at their boss, a civilian security chief named Ronald Sheridan. At the security briefing

Sheridan made it clear he was not happy about this intrusion by Red Cell, and that this game was going to be played by his rules. Not used to playing by any rules, Marcinko immediately went on the offensive, arguing with the base security officers and threatening to pull out all the stops.

The rest of the SEALs shared Marcinko's disdain. They had heard this tune before. At every base on every exercise someone threw down a personal gauntlet to Red Cell. Like the gunfighter with a reputation, everybody was out to beat them just once. But no one regarded Sheridan as the man to do it. By confronting Red Cell, Sheridan only succeeded in turning the training exercise into a



Aircraft were a prime Red Cell target. This CH-46 was "blown up" during CB-2 at Norfolk, Virginia. Everyone and everything was fair game for Red Cell pranks — not even Air Force One was spared.

personal joust between himself and the SEALs, a contest he could not win. Marcinko would see to that. The tone for CB-10, the exercise at Seal Beach, was set.

Red Cell set up a new operational base south of Seal Beach at the La Hacienda, a nondescript motel in Orange County's industrial area. But the real Red Cell nerve center was about three blocks away at a bar called Garf's. On the evening of 11 March, Red Cell was ready. But then no one doubted that. The real question would be answered soon enough: Was Seal Beach ready? Just before midnight a car pulled onto the wide shoulder along the Pacific Coast Highway at a point where it ran behind the weapons station. Even the most alert observer would have had to be looking closely to notice the four men who slipped out of the back seat and into the brush at the side of the road. The driver pretended to look under the hood, and finding nothing, got back into the car and sped off.

For a few minutes there was no movement from the men who stayed behind. All four were dressed in black with dark balaclavas masking their faces. They crawled silently to the water's edge, slipped in like giant frogs and swam the short distance across the channel that separated Seal Beach from the highway. Just across the street was the base and buildings that would be Red Cell's first target. The SEALs slithered through the mud and up to the fence where they stopped, still as stones, and waited. Three Marines came into sight beyond the darkness and walked straight at the SEALs. They appeared alert, looking carefully into the open field for signs of terrorists. But they forgot to look down at their feet. A mere 10 feet away lay two mud-covered SEALs but the Marines walked off without seeing a thing.

When the danger had passed, one SEAL stood watch while the others set explosives on the door of two storage bunkers and on wooden pallets stacked high with shell casings. Forty-five minutes later the SEALs regrouped, slipped out of the base and headed back to Garf's. Now it was up to base security to sort things out.

Red Cell's deputy, Lieutenant Commander Wellington Leonard, better known as Duke, called the base switchboard to let them in on the secret. "There are four bombs on your base, courtesy of Nuclear Free America," Duke laughed into the phone. "Find them or it's fireworks time." Click. He hung up the phone and imagined the commotion in the command post.

Within minutes, the Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team was on the scene. They quickly discovered and disarmed all devices but one, which was later stumbled upon by Marine guards. The timer showed that it had gone off two minutes earlier. "Boom," one Marine sheepishly muttered. He reported the explosion to the command center.

Sheridan did not take this turn of events well. With a shotgun over his shoulder, Sheridan paced around the command and control center, barking out orders and dashing off to each hot spot as calls came in. For almost a week he fought Red Cell as they struck all over the base, destroying almost everything they targeted.

Suddenly Red Cell's attention fo-

cused on Sheridan himself. During a special meeting at the motel on the evening of 19 March, the SEALs decided to kidnap Sheridan from his home in Eagle Rock, a suburb some 30 miles from Seal Beach. This was clearly in violation of Red Cell's rules

Sheridan at 0330 saying there was an emergency at the base. Phillips watched the lights come on in the bedroom, then hid behind a shrub near the front door. As soon as Sheridan walked out of the house Phillips was on him. Brandishing a pistol, Phillips grabbed Sheridan around the neck and dragged him toward the car. Sheridan was stunned with fear when Phillips leaped

ing for Red Cell's next move.

Marcinko sat in the darkness of Garf's. He was pleased with the exercise so far, but Sheridan's previous in-your-face bravado and constant attempts to interfere with Red Cell's road show stuck in his craw. According to one former SEAL, Marcinko was not satisfied with simply proving that Red Cell could take Sheridan; he also wanted to humiliate him.

Other SEALs had filtered into Garf's, and they sat around the table



No one could doubt Red Cell's proficiency, all documented by Essex cameramen, at infiltration, sabotage, kidnapping, interrogation, escape and evasion. In fact, their prowess exceeded most terrorist groups — ensuring installation security measures were never adequate to meet threat posed by Red Cell.

of engagement, which stated that "all exercise actions [will] take place on the weapons station and the public streets immediately adjacent thereto, and that no physical force [will] be used on persons except that required to simulate control." By any definition, Sheridan's house was well outside the limits of the exercise. Nevertheless, two SEALs and one Essex cameraman were sent to do the snatch. According to court documents filed later, the SEALs were Frank Phillips and Arturo Farias, both of whom had long served with Marcinko. Farias was the team's medic in addition to being a top-notch operator.

At Sheridan's residence the SEALs noiselessly crept to the house and hunkered down to wait for their target. Someone placed a phony call to

from the bush, but he saw the red tape around the pistol barrel and knew it was one of the Red Cell SEALs.

Watching from the doorway, Sheridan's wife, Margaret, was unaware that this was a mock attack. She

grabbed a .45 caliber pistol from a drawer and rushed to her husband's aid. Sheridan yelled for her to stop, saying this was only an exercise and everything was alright.

This Time It's Personal

They drove to the Don Quixote Motel in Costa Mesa, a flea-bitten dive rented on the spot because the SEALs realized they couldn't bring Sheridan back to the La Hacienda. Once inside, Farias untied the victim, and throughout the day other SEALs rotated in to watch Sheridan. That afternoon, however, Sheridan demanded to be released. The request provoked the SEALs, who handcuffed Sheridan and jammed a pillowcase over his head. For more than an hour he sat in a chair in the center of the room, tied and blindfolded, wait-

ing down the official drink of the day — peach schnapps. One observer recalls that as the mood turned ugly, Marcinko ordered two SEALs to go "and tear this guy a new asshole." According to documents, one of the SEALs was Frank Phillips, who had been in on the original snatch. Along with an Essex cameraman, they went to the Don Quixote Motel, walked up to Sheridan's room, then smashed through the door, yelling as they went.

Sheridan only heard the entry. Still tied to a chair in the middle of the room with a pillowcase over his head, Sheridan instinctively knew his ordeal was about to take a violent turn. The SEALs — now both masked — grabbed the helpless man, tossed him onto the bed and began tearing off his clothes. One SEAL shouted questions while he slapped and pushed Sheridan around. All the while, the videotape rolled.

The beating was more symbolic than real, but there were times when the SEALs crossed the line from game-playing to sadism. The Essex videotape clearly shows one SEAL hitting the bed and slapping his own

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Four men

clad in Air Algiers overalls boarded Air France Flight 8969, a jetliner bound for Paris, at 1115 on Saturday 24 December 1994, at Houari Boumedienne Airport in Algiers. Claiming they were security agents, the men pretended to check passengers' passports before suddenly closing and locking the aircraft's door. Then, after quickly drawing AKs and UZIs from their bags, three of the men rushed to the cockpit where they held the three-man aircrew at gunpoint while the fourth terrorist covered the passengers.

Passengers initially had no inkling they were being held hostage by

Meticulous Mayhem

54-Hour Hijack Ends In 17-Minute Firefight

by Eric Micheletti



Lead team enters the aircraft under withering fire from terrorists holed up in cockpit. Amazingly, after a nearly 20-minute firefight, the only fatalities were the four hijackers. Photo: Bettmann Archives

members of the *Groupe Islamiste Arme* (Islamic Armed Group or GIA). But remarkably, only 15 minutes after the incident started, the French government was notified by its secret service that an Airbus airliner had been hijacked. (French agents, well represented at Algerian airports, closely monitor military and police radio traffic, and file a daily sitrep.) Within minutes of the plane's seizure, standby *National Gendarmes Intervention Group* (GIGN) anti-terrorist teams were put on alert, mustering at their base in Satory, 15 kilometers outside Paris.

The terrorists' resolve soon be-

came evident when they shot two passengers: an Algerian policeman and a Vietnamese diplomat. The hostages were then treated to a course in Islamic fundamentalism: Women were veiled, men recited verses from the Koran and non-Algerians were terrorized. After the two passengers were killed, the terrorists smilingly assured the rest that they held no personal grudges against them.

The Algerian interior minister soon began negotiations with the terrorists from the control tower via the cockpit radio and the pilot, who was being used by the hijackers as a go-between. They demanded the lib-

eration of FIS (Islamic Salvation Front) leaders under house arrest — whose party had been outlawed in 1992. After four hours of negotiations, the hijackers began to release some of the hostages.

Freed passengers described their captors as young men with close-cropped hair, beardless, quite polite, but with the determined air of cold-blooded killers. It only took the experts a few hours to establish that in addition to being well trained, the hijackers had planned their actions in minute detail. The terrorists had swapped their clothing with the aircrew and used pseudonyms (Jamel,

Fodil, Slimane and Sismodine) to add to the confusion. Furthermore, before eating, they watched the passengers take their meals to make sure the food was not drugged.

Algerian intelligence services promptly identified the ringleader as Abdul Abdullah Yahia, aka "Emir." A petty thief from the tough Algiers suburb of Bab El Oued, Yahia belonged to the GIA and had taken part in "earlier attacks of rare violence and savagery." Yahia was also said to have been active in the GIA cell known as *Mouakoune Bi Eddima* (those who sign in blood) and was responsible for murdering three gendarmes and two French consular agents in Algiers on 3 August 1994. The negotiators who dealt with Yahia

constant contact with the crisis cell in Paris. At last, a message came through from the home ministry: "Prepare for an intervention on Algiers airport." Two hours later, the men were ready and the aircraft prepared for take-off when the order was countermanded: "Algiers operation canceled. Wait for further instructions."

In the meantime the standoff continued. The French government fervently tried to persuade Algerian authorities to accept the presence of GIGN agents on Algerian soil so they could provide "technical assistance" to the Algerian intervention group during any assault. But the Algerians were inflexible.

By Sunday the terrorists dropped their demands regarding FIS leaders

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur called Algerian President Lamine Zeroual who, overriding the advice of his home minister, finally agreed to allow the plane to leave.

The captain of the hijacked airliner had received instructions which, fortunately, were not intercepted by the terrorists: "Depart from Algiers at all costs and head for France. All security measures have been taken in Marseilles." The pilot did everything in his power to convince the terrorists that their best bet was to fly on to France. In the early hours of Monday morning the hijacked Airbus carrying 172 hostages (63 had been released) was on its way to France.

The GIGN team had been waiting more than 24 hours on the Balearic



Flight 8969 co-pilot takes a chance by exiting the aircraft from blown-out window. Pilot and steward remained in the cockpit and survived shoot-out unscathed. Photo: Bettmann Archives

said that he had only a poor grasp of French, seemed "intellectually limited" and ended every sentence with a vibrant "Inshallah" (if God is willing).

On Station

Nine hours after the hijacking, French commandos took off from a military base near Paris aboard an Air France Airbus A300, identical to the one that had been hijacked. The GIGN touched down in Spain at Palma de Majorca airport in the Balearic Islands. Inside, 35 men waited for further instructions as their leader, Major Denis Favier, kept in

and insisted on being flown to Paris. Negotiations between Algerian officials and the French government now centered on allowing the aircraft to fly to France.

Tiring of Algerian stalling, the hijackers threatened to kill a French passenger if the plane was not allowed to take off by 2130. French authorities warned that the terrorists meant business, but Algerians replied: "No, no, we are sure that they are bluffing."

Five minutes later, Yannick Beugnet was shot and his body unceremoniously dumped on the tarmac. At the end of his patience, French

Islands before the order they were expecting finally reached them: "Proceed on toward Algiers. No provision for landing has yet been made." The Airbus took off, approached the Algerian coast, then reversed its course and flew on to Marseilles where the trap would be set. The GIGN aircraft touched down at Marseilles-Marignane before the hijackers.

Favier ordered a third intervention group at Satory to meet them at Marseilles. Off-duty GIGN agents were summoned back from leave and ordered to return to base as fast as possible. Meanwhile, about 20 EPIGN (Gendarmerie Airborne Intervention



GIGN rehearse inside aircraft with SPAS 12 shotgun. Cramped quarters, little maneuvering room, poor illumination and explosive fuels make such assaults extremely dangerous. Photo: Eric Micheletti

Squadron) airborne gendarme commandos boarded an aircraft and headed for Marseilles-Marignane. Favier now had a force of 51 gendarmes under his command.

The trap was set. The French prime minister's orders were clear: Save the hostages and put the terrorists out of action. Favier and his gendarmes spent the morning hours practicing every detail of the rescue operation on their own Airbus.

The hijacked Airbus touched down at Marignane at 0333 Monday. The GIGN "super gendarmes" were posted behind Eurocopter buildings, hoping that the aircraft would pull up to the right spot. They were relieved when the Airbus lurched to a stop on its assigned parking space.

The hijackers, still using the pilot to speak on their behalf, demanded the aircraft fuel tanks refilled, toilets cleaned up and fresh water and food be provided. "We'll do as you require," one of the GIGN's negotiators said curtly.

In Disguise

But French negotiators took their time — claiming they dared not get too close to the Airbus. The airport ground crew, actually GIGN commandos clad in airport staff uniforms, stalled as much as possible in replenishing the aircraft's water supplies. They were able to ascertain that the plane's doors were neither locked nor

booby-trapped as they slipped tiny listening devices into the plane and set up external surveillance devices to monitor the hijackers' movements inside the aircraft.

Meanwhile, the negotiators' efforts to solve the crisis were hindered by an Algerian decision to withhold vital personnel data on the hostage takers. The negotiations went on until mid-afternoon when the terrorists, only one of whom could speak limited French, further raised the stakes by demanding 27 tons of fuel and permission to fly to Paris. Since

such a trip required only 10 tons, the crisis cell feared the militants had other plans. Two possibilities existed:



Practice and the ability to quickly adapt your plan to any situation are the keys to successful hostage rescue operations. GIGN proved up to the task. Photo: Eric Micheletti

escaping to a friendly Islamic country such as Iran, Sudan or Yemen; or more frighteningly, igniting the fuel-laden plane over the French capital.

A few hours later, just such a hypothesis was confirmed. Word came from an anonymous informant who warned the French consulate in Oran, Algeria, that the Airbus was a "flying bomb that will explode over Paris."

Time was running out and the terrorists were again making ultimatums. Convinced by the negotiators that an onboard press conference would be held in front of the aircraft, the hi-

jackers released an elderly couple, but in turn insisted that a loading ramp be taken away.

Their request was granted and, at 1645, the aircraft's engines roared to life. Fearing that the plane was about to take off, GIGN blocked the runway. To their surprise, the Airbus taxied slowly across the tarmac and stopped just short of the control tower. Knowing that the terrorists were impatient, the gendarmes repositioned themselves for an assault.

On board the plane the terrorists, increasingly menacing and irritable, began reading Islamic prayers for the dead over the aircraft's public address system. Slowly, the hijackers slid open the forward door. It appeared they were about to shoot another hostage. Instead, one of them took aim with his Makarov and fired two shots at the control tower, shattering its bay windows.

Not knowing if they would kill another hostage, attempt to escape or blow up the plane over Paris, the green light was given at 1705. The crisis center knew the terrorists had split into two pairs and taken up positions at each end of the cabin. Major Favier redeployed his men, and eight snipers in camouflage uniforms climbed onto the roofs of the airport buildings.

At 1717 three GIGN intervention units swung into action. Wearing black hoods and combat fatigues, they advanced atop three mobile loading ramps steered by GIGN drivers. The first eight-man team was led by Favier himself, while the two other 10-man teams were commanded by captains Kim and Tardy.



A variety of specialized weaponry is used by high-profile units on their operations. This 8-inch MR73, as well as submachine guns and sniper weapons, were invaluable in Marseilles. Photo: Eric Micheletti

The three mobile loading ramps approached the plane from the rear to keep out of sight, but as chance would have it, a terrorist leaned out of the rear door, saw them and fired a few rounds. Luckily they glanced harmlessly off the ramp, but complete surprise was lost.

The gendarmes were still more than 50 meters away from the aircraft as two hijackers locked the rear door and rushed to the cockpit where their accomplices had ordered the crew to lie flat on the floor. The first team headed for the front door while the two others would enter through the rear.

Favier's team had to skirt around the wing of the aircraft to gain access to the front door, giving the terrorists ample warning of their plan. The hostages could see what was about to happen and crouched on the floor when the seven gendarmes and Favier rushed up the ramp.

Under Fire

The first man up forced the door open while the second commando entered the plane under withering fire from the terrorists. The hijackers blasted away with AK-47s and UZIs as they retreated into the cockpit. The lead commando barely had time to fire two shots from his MR73 service revolver before he was hit by five rounds. At the same time, two terrorists crumpled to the floor.

A second gendarme was hit in both legs. He kept firing before collapsing onto a female passenger. The hijackers fired continuously in the small confines of the aircraft at the assault group. A third, then a fourth gen-



GIGN was ready at a moment's notice, traveling from France to Spain, and back to France to link up with the hijacked aircraft. Photo: Eric Micheletti

darme was hit. Favier, the sixth man to enter the cabin, was the first to get in unscathed.

Holding his UZI at arm's length, one of the hijackers fired blindly through the cockpit door. Slugs tore through the thin walls of the aircraft, wounding yet another gendarme. Amid the hail of gunshots, co-pilot Jean-Paul Borderie decided to leap out of a blown-out cockpit window and fell 5 meters to the tarmac, fracturing his elbow and thigh in the process, but saving his life.

As the firefight raged in the forward cabin the two other teams broke in through the two rear doors. Led by



Within a 17-minute period more than 1,500 rounds were fired and a dozen grenades utilized without a single hostage lost. Photo: Eric Micheletti

Tardy and Kim, the gendarmes ordered the passengers to lie on the floor as they searched the kitchen, toilets and storage space for terrorists. Quickly but methodically, they combed through the rows of seats, checking with the flashlights fitted on their weapons to ensure that no hijackers were hiding among the figures cowering on the floor.

Favier's team had the terrorists pinned down in the cockpit with short, controlled-fire bursts. But the hijackers continued to retaliate by firing haphazardly through the walls and hitting the two lead commandos of the second team. Luckily their protective vests performed as designed.

Passengers were being evacuated through the rear doors one minute and seven seconds after the assault



Not only was GIGN able to field three assault teams similar to these gendarmes at Marseilles, but it was also able to disguise men as ground crew and plant listening and monitoring devices. Photo: Eric Micheletti

was initiated. Sliding down inflatable ramps to safety, the passengers were recovered by EPIGN personnel who ordered them to lie flat on the ground with their hands clasped over their heads.

Deadlocked

The situation around the cockpit was deadlocked. Through the darkness, one of the hijackers lobbed a hand grenade into the cabin where it exploded with such violence that Favier was swept off his feet. Another gendarme was wounded in the groin and legs by fragments. There was another loud blast, but it had no effect on the gendarmes who were busy topping off their MP5 magazines.

Advancing by short bounds down the aisle, the two other teams split into two-man groups to cover strategic points of the aircraft with their weapons. One minute and 20 seconds after the assault was initiated, the right emergency chute was deployed only to collapse when ripped by a burst of gunfire. Twenty seconds later, the left escape chute was deployed and used to evacuate wounded commandos — tended to under fire by the group's two doctors.

To break the stalemate, a gendarme outside of the aircraft tried to hurl a flash-bang grenade through the cockpit window. It missed, exploding under the nose of the airliner. He threw another grenade, this time on target. It burst with a blinding flash. Sur-

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PETER McALEESE

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**Conversations
With Britain's
Top Dog Of War**

by Jim Hooper

Photos courtesy Peter McAleese

Among professional and wannabe mercenaries, stories of Peter McAleese — most of them true — are legion. And not without cause: He is a veteran of seven wars.

McAleese spent nine years learning his trade with the British Parachute Regiment and SAS, fighting wars from Cyprus to Aden to Malaya. Although a consummate professional, his fists ended his British military career in 1969. A bored ci-

vilian, he knocked around the North Sea petroleum industry, until Cold War geopolitics rescued him in 1976.

Portugal granted independence to Angola, and the former liberation movements immediately turned on each other. The Soviet/Cuban-backed MPLA captured the capital Luanda, while the CIA/Chinese-backed FNLA and South African/Chinese-backed Unita desperately sought leadership and arms.

Into this maelstrom stepped McAleese, as part of a merc force recruited by the FNLA with CIA money. When its psychopathic commander "Colonel" Callan, a former British airborne corporal, murdered 14 of his own men, the CIA withdrew and the FNLA collapsed. McAleese returned to the UK penniless, but hungry for more war.

He then served with the Rhodesian SAS, on operations that have

become legend. (See "Fast Strike on Chimoio," *SOF* Jan. '94.) "It was mass external ops," he says, "with parachute assaults into enemy camps — not insertions, hot drop zones." The big one was against Chimoio, 60 miles inside Mozambique with almost 5,000 terrors. They went in with 97 SAS and 88 Rhodesian Light Infantry. Three days later the same force jumped into Tembue 120 miles inside Mozambique, against 6,000 enemy. When the smoke settled from these assaults, enemy KIA exceeded 2,000. Rhodesian forces lost one dead and a handful of wounded.

When Rhodesia fell, McAleese moved to South Africa and joined 44 Parachute Brigade. Promoted to sergeant major, he found himself back in Angola. Three years and dozens of ops later, he resigned due to injuries, joining a security firm in Pretoria.

A decade after leaving the United Kingdom, McAleese returned to England and a position with a security firm that sent him to Uganda as a bodyguard/driver. After leaving that company, he was approached by a friend with contacts in the Colombian army. Cuban-backed FARC (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia*) controlled vast areas of remote jungle, financing themselves through coke production. Because Colombia deemed negotiations with the communists preferable to military action, the army's hands were tied. Senior officers tired of losing troops to communist ambushes decided to use "unattributables" to attack FARC's headquarters.

After visiting Colombia, McAleese flew to South Africa and recruited nine men from his days with 44 Para. The team assembled in Bogota and trained, but it became apparent their employers lacked the will to carry through. The team was paid off and went home.

McAleese soon returned to Colombia, this time asked if he could assassinate drug kingpin Pablo Escobar. Although Escobar's hacienda had fences, guard towers and 80 armed

Left: The day after an operational jump into Techematete, Angola, on Operation Daisy, McAleese cradles his R4 as he waits for water resupply. Because of logistics snafu, the SADF stripped a Coca Cola plant in South Africa of its plastic bottles, filled them with water and flew them to the front.

thugs, McAleese assessed that it could be taken. The team reassembled, was supplied and immediately began training for the hit. Eleven weeks later they left for a heliborne assault, but McAleese's command and control chopper crashed into a mountain, aborting the op.

Although his name is well known from his recent autobiography *No Mean Soldiers*, contacting McAleese was not easy. Word was passed that *SOF* was interested in an interview and once this writer's bona fides were established, McAleese called. All our questions but the first were answered with enthusiasm and candor: Asked how many jobs he'd done since South Africa, McAleese shifted in his chair and insisted he'd only been involved in the two aborted Colombian opera-

destroy 4,000 men. We were in communication. We had a spare chopper as a standby ambulance, with our own medics.

SOF: *What casualties did you anticipate?*

McAleese: We didn't discuss casualties except when we were told of \$35 million in the house. We jokingly figured the weight of \$35 million saying, 'We'll have to get someone killed to make space for the money!' We said, 'OK, Andy is heaviest — if they get him we can get so many million on the chopper.'

Look, Escobar was in place. We got the OK to go. We 12 were committed! Before they boarded helicopters I quoted from *Julius Caesar*, when Marcus Brutus leaves Cassius before the Battle of Philippi: 'Whether we



McAleese (front, far right) and American K.D. Clark (rear, with cigarette) pose with British, French and Belgian members of 44 Parachute Brigade after training jump in South Africa.

tions. His manner wasn't convincing.

SOF: *OK, let's stick with what you claim was the last one. Would the Cali operation have worked?*

McAleese: You mean if the mountain hadn't got in the way? We were outnumbered seven to one, but we were going against hotdogs. They only carried Ingrams or mini-UZIs with one extra magazine — they couldn't sustain a firefight. We 12 were professional soldiers with lots of eyeball-to-eyeball combat. We'd trained solidly for 11 weeks with five full dress rehearsals. We had M16s with 10 magazines each, six LAWs, rifle grenades, a MAG, a gunship. We carried enough ammunition to

shall meet again I know not. Therefore our everlasting farewell take. For ever and ever farewell. If we do meet again, why we shall smile. If not, why then, this parting was well made!

When I finished they busted up laughing. They were pumped, ready to go. But that 5% of something that can go wrong, went wrong. If it hadn't, I'm totally confident that it would have worked.

SOF: *Given how it ended, would you consider it again?*

McAleese: Oh, yeah. Picking people from two continents and bringing them together, training for 11 weeks and seeing the whole lot jell together was gratifying. Every



Yanks Dave Barr (left, front) and Lang Price (cross-legged, right front) relax between Angolan ops with Canadian, British and Rhodesian buddies serving with 44 Parachute Brigade "Pathfinders." Plaque in background shows jump wings of many different nationalities serving with unit.

morning we walked through it, talked through it. I'd show aerial photos and say, 'OK, the chopper's here, where's the house? What happens here?' 'We drop off the support team,' they'd say. 'Where does the support team go?' 'They go there.' 'What happens now?' 'The two assault teams go that way.' 'Where are you going to enter?' 'Through White One.' 'What comes after White One?' 'We move into the outside of the house.' 'What is done to the left of it?' 'We become the support group for the assault from the outbuildings.' 'Where's the pickup point? Where's the dam, where's your RV? What happens if anyone ...?' — You know, just talk them through the operation every single morning.

SOF: Was there any fallout in Colombia or the UK?

McAleese: Colombian military intelligence recruited us, so we were fine there. No planning or training took place in the UK, so the British government couldn't do much. Because it was in an area of interest to them, we contacted the CIA through a third party. Word that came back was: Get in there, do the business, do it quick and get out before you get egg on your face. If you tried that here, your telephone would start making funny noises! Yanks have a

more macho attitude toward that sort of thing.

SOF: Why would they hire foreign mercenaries for an internal job, instead of using Colombian forces?

McAleese: There are sometimes instances of a government — or a faction within — having to do something that might not square with its public position. If they lose their people on the operation, there's a possibility of it reaching the press. So they'll bring in 'unattributables,' who

might not even be told the real reason for the job. The danger is returning after the job, when government forces show up and kill everyone involved so no one's around to tell: Everything's nice and clean. Once, we were warned we were being set up, but fortunately we had certain controls we never relinquished. If we hadn't, chances are we would have been taken out on the way back. Who'll miss or complain about mercenaries who end up killed? When you get a job you have to constantly ask yourself: why? why? why? — regardless of what they tell you. It's a secret of staying alive.

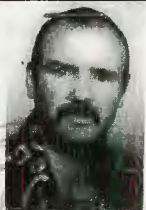
SOF: Where is today's market for mercenaries?

McAleese: About the only place experiencing real mercenary fighting is Angola, mostly with ex-SADF people having lots of previous experience there. Better paying jobs are with established security firms training local militias, guarding oil installations and whatnot in Africa, the Middle East or South America. These guys are earning the money: \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year. In Algeria maybe \$300 a day. These are true mercenaries, people who come and go here every day and no one says a word to them. Their philosophy is don't talk about it, keep it in the inner circle and get on with it from there.

SOF: Where would someone go in the States to contact the right people?

McAleese: I think a lot of this may be done at the *Soldier Of Fortune* convention, isn't it? That's



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The FNLA identity card issued to McAleese when he arrived in Angola in 1976 didn't get much use: The ill-fated merc force was disbanded when "Colonel" Callan, the madman in charge, killed 14 of his own men. The CIA pulled its backing and McAleese went home broke.

probably a good place to start. But remember that of 1,000 who go to the SOF convention you probably get 5% who are doing the business, but they're very cagey about it. For good reason. You give one guy an address and a telephone number in the strictest confidence; he gives it to his friend in strictest confidence, then his friend gives it to *his* friend in the strictest confidence and soon there are 1,000 people who all have it in the strictest confidence and before you know it, it's in the newspapers and the operation is blown!

SOF: *When someone offers you a job, what things do you look at before accepting?*

McAleese: I'd look at who it was from and how it affected my country's interests. I'd look if it were feasible. Some are kamikaze missions, so you forget those. Next, I need a feel for the man behind it. He's asking me to do a job, but does he know what he's doing? He's your intelligence source, he's the one saying the operation's feasible. If your assessment is that he doesn't know what he's talking about, bail out.

I was approached with something a while back and those causing problems were intermediaries, trying to cut corners: They didn't understand what cash an operation can suck up. They were working on a lump sum, and the more of that lump they could save the more they would pocket. I finally said, sorry, when you let me do what I want, I'll do it, but until then, adios. These guys will say *anything* can be done just to get their fee — but they're not the ones who will die if everything goes wrong! That's one of the things I mean when I say getting a feel for the chap: Is he more interested in his fee or operational success?

Sometimes the whole chain is flawed. Once an intermediary told me the employer was an ex-Foreign Legion officer. I checked, and he had only been a troopie, and never finished his time in the Legion — he welshed and deserted. So you have a man who can't see a contract through — plus a man with no leadership background — and he's talking to an intermediary who can't see that. In this situation you just say no and walk away.

SOF: *In weapons, you've used both West-bloc and East-bloc stuff op-*

erationally. Any preferences?

McAleese: A weapon is a tool. You use different tools for different work. I'm not into 9mm, but if I had house-clearing, where I needed a specialized tool and didn't want ricochets, I'd probably use an MP5. With 9mm out of the way, let me say there are three weapons I like. If I were doing a long job where my adversaries had East-bloc weapons, I'd have to go for the AK-47 because of the practicality and ease of resupply. Your adversary is using that weapon so you're not going to have a problem getting ammunition.

For a job that was in and out, I'd go for the M16A2 or CAR-15. In a tight situation you can wave it about easily, even one-handed. It's a great weapon. Weight is a big factor. If



Peter McAleese stands by for training jump with 44 Parachute Brigade at Bloemfontein, South Africa. Says McAleese, "I was just a professional soldier, looking for work."

you've got two men of equal fitness patrolling all day, one with a 7½ pound M16, or one with a 10½ pound FN, who will get more tired? Also, the battle load of an M16 is 300 rounds as opposed to a guy carrying an FN and 100 rounds.

But for a robust infantry weapon that fires the 5.56, I like the Galil and its South African version, the R4. You've got all the best features of the AK, plus a safety either side and good magazine capacity. The South Africans had early problems with it. But they sorted it out. So if I were battling through Angola, in and out of trenches, back into armored vehicles all day long and no problems with resupply, then it would have to be the R4 over the M16. Aside from the better magazine capacity, it's definitely stouter.

I was once in the position of having to use my weapon as a club and

found that the R4 does stand up. This guy leaped from a bunker, where I was standing with a double feed. He was bigger than me, and extremely motivated because he was on fire. I turned the weapon around and just smashed him. I don't think an M16 would have stood up to it.

SOF: *How about long range shooting?*

McAleese: I've never been into sniping, but across 300 meters the trajectory of the 5.56 is totally flat. I don't want to enter a dispute about the ballistics of various rounds; we're talking about getting the round into the man. When you get the man down, the advantage lies with you. I like the 5.56. I've liked it since it came out. Most arguments over 5.56 vs. 7.62 are by people who have only fired on ranges. Listening to them, why not take it one step further and use a .50? Then you're definitely going to get him!

SOF: *Did it ever bother you to kill someone?*

McAleese: No. You know, the moralizing you see in movies — should I, shouldn't I, could I, couldn't I? Well, while you're trying to decide whether you're in the right or wrong the other guy shoots *you*. It's a case of survival. I don't have trouble with any of the things I've done. We were all big boys playing big boys' games. When I was with the Rhodesian SAS, I could see the black nationalists' point of view, but it didn't stop me from fighting 'em. It was part of the profession.

The only time it ever bothered me was on an op when a terr jumped up and ran away and I just instinctively shot him. I hit him in the back of the head. Parts of him came back on my shirt and I sort of stunk all day. It was in combat and I did that without thinking. It was a reflex action. It didn't make me do an about-face, though, you know, like I'm going to become a priest.

SOF: *How have special forces changed since you first joined?*

McAleese: My main experience is with the SAS, which started the concept: small units operating on guts with minimal support. In the Rhodesian SAS, they did everything with

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WACOGATE



Government Cover-Ups Continue Two Years After The Inferno

by James L. Pate

Photo: Jerry Hoefer/SIPA

Two years have passed since the Battle of Mount Carmel, where 10 people died in a shoot-out erupting from a foolhardy publicity stunt launched by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms against a religious retreat east of Waco, Texas. Nearly 100 people, most of them women and children, hid inside for 51 days — besieged by helicopters, snipers and hundreds of federal agents, terrorized nightly with bright lights and high-volume audio torture.

After promising “patience,” and the desire to “avoid further violence,” an FBI commando unit attacked the Branch Davidian home with armored vehicles, ramming through the walls of the wood-frame structure and saturating the church building with the poisonous chemical CS. All but nine were slaughtered in the inferno that resulted.

Thick as the roiling black smoke of 19 April 1993, caustic questions linger over the buried ashes of the nation’s worst law enforcement disaster. Time may be the tincture that cures all ills, but the Branch Davidian massacre remains a festering sore on the nation’s soul. The nearly 90 deaths, most of them mothers, children or infants, would not have oc-

curred had it not been for the ATF’s shocking disregard for innocent life. The Gun Gestapo was willing to risk it all in a vainglorious show of force, staged for television cameras, to arrest one man with no criminal convictions, Branch Davidian leader David Koresh, for allegedly buying illegal gun parts. No one responsible has yet been called to account.

Two ATF raid commanders, Phil Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn, were fired after a Treasury Department report flayed them for lying and altering documents in an attempt to divert blame to a junior undercover agent. They were rehired, a Treasury Department source told *Soldier Of Fortune*, when they threatened to expose the complicity of superiors. The Justice Department insists the FBI, which took command after the raid’s bloody failure, is blameless in the final holocaust, claiming the Davidians set the fire and elected to remain inside in a suicide pact. The Davidians say the fire started when armored vehicles ran over and ruptured propane lanterns and stoves. Some say agents did so deliberately.

Now, many parties are preparing to do battle in civil court, in more than a dozen lawsuits seeking more

than \$2 billion in damages. The undercover agent has sued the ATF, while other agents have sued Waco news media for supposedly tipping off the Davidians. A Waco TV reporter is suing out-of-town news organizations for their portrayal of his part in that coverage. And, of course, survivors, and the relatives of those slain, have sued various high-ranking government officials, mid-level bureaucrats and many agents involved.

The most intriguing lawsuit was filed by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsay Clark, now in private practice, on behalf of a number of Waco survivors and surviving families. It claims that a secret contingent of the FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team infiltrated the building wearing closed-circuit breathing gear and shot Davidians already dead or disabled by the carbon monoxide and cyanide gases emitted when the CS riot control agent was heated by the spreading fire. A fireball that erupted during the inferno was not a ruptured propane cylinder, as the government arson report claims, but an incendiary bomb used to make sure everyone in the so-called “bunker” was dead, the suit claims. The walk-in concrete

vault with its steel-reinforced walls was built in the 1950s to store church records. It had actually survived one fire, and became not a place to commit suicide, but a haven that church members knew would not burn.

This "killing team," as Clark's suit calls it, allegedly entered the Mount Carmel center either in the rear, out of sight of the news media, or was discharged inside the building and picked up five minutes later by one or more of the Combat Engineer Vehicles (CEVs). These vehicles repeatedly rammed the same locations of the building in the 40 minutes before noon and even after the fire had started, collapsing all staircases. FBI agent R.J. Craig, driving the first CEV to hit the building at about 0600, admitted in testimony that his assignment on the first penetration was to collapse debris over a trap door "to try to keep people from running down" into a buried school bus that led to an unfinished tornado shelter.

In a building with 11 exit doors and 82 windows, it is interesting that the FBI felt the need to create avenues of escape for Davidians who might want to leave. The giant holes knocked in the building by FBI armor, Ramsay's suit argues, were not escape routes, but ventilation ducts, carefully calculated from floor plans and a building model, designed to spread a fire as quickly as possible, taking advantage of the prevailing 30 mph winds. Not one survivor came out any of the holes smashed open by CEVs. Nor did the FBI intend for them to, Ramsay contends.

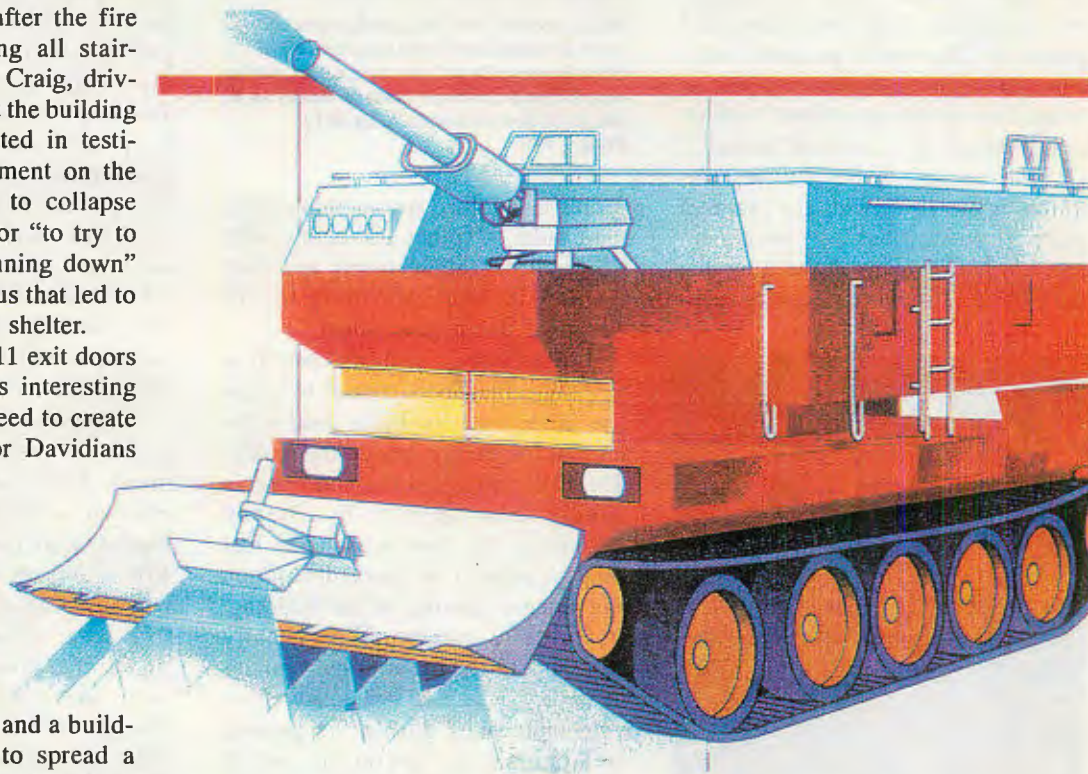
Orthochlorobenzylidene malononitrile is the chemical name for CS lachrymator gas; its common name is derived from B.B. Corson and R.W. Stoughton, the two chemists who invented it in 1928. Despite assurances from Attorney General Janet Reno that CS was a safe riot control agent, she neglected to mention that Aldrich Chemical, which makes CS, quit selling the product to the Israeli Defense Forces after Amnesty International documented the CS-related deaths of 40 Palestinians, including 18 babies less than a year old. Indeed, U.S. soldiers are forbid-

den from using it against enemies in battle without an executive order signed by the president. This might explain Reno's call to President Bill Clinton two days prior to the fire.

Aldrich Chemical warns in its literature that CS should not be used in closed spaces and that "the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated." Aldrich also cautions users that relatively low heat causes the crystalline powder to break down and release deadly carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen cyanide (HCN)

armored vehicles. But the presence of acetone and ethanol in the lungs of so many fire victims suggests the FBI may have been mistaken. It could also explain why sheets of flame flashed through Mount Carmel at such terrifying speed.

In the opinion of Dr. George F. Uhlig, a retired Air Force colonel who is now a mathematician and chemical engineer, "The CS was diluted with either acetone or ethanol, as the autopsies indicated both solvents were in the lungs of the individuals killed ... The liquid aerosol obviously was



Federal agents did not rig CEVs for fire-fighting, turned down offer of these armored fire-fighting vehicles, and delayed local fire department at roadblock until Mount Carmel compound was reduced to ashes. Ramsay Clark suit regards this as part of an overall plan to totally destroy compound and residents. Graphic: courtesy Ramsay Clark, Esq.

gases. Two-thirds of the bodies autopsied from the Waco fire contained these lethal gases, according to toxicology reports.

Two other chemicals turned up in the lungs of some Waco fire victims: acetone and ethanol. Coincidentally, both are carrier agents in which CS is dissolved for more effective dispersal. Acetone and ethanol are also extremely volatile and flammable — excellent accelerants for starting a very hot, fast-spreading fire or vapor explosion. Justice Department investigators said FBI agents used relatively inert carbon dioxide gas to facilitate the spraying of CS from the

of the correct particle size, came into contact with a flame and the flame front traveled from particle to particle rapidly, to create the fireball described by survivors. We used a similar concept in designing Fuel-Air Explosive [FAE] devices in the Air Force ...

"While the flame front in the case of the Branch Davidian complex did not generate the overpressure of fuel-air explosive devices, the results were similar," the college professor stated in a letter to David Hall, owner of KPOC-TV in Ponca City, Oklahoma, which produced a documentary on the Waco massacre. "The structure

burned rapidly to the ground and the CS agent was burned in the process ... to generate hydrogen cyanide gas. It was probably a good decision on the part of the federal agents on the scene not to attempt to put out the fire using water.

"The resulting steam generated ... would further generate hydrogen cyanide and the resulting cloud of cyanide gas and steam could have been carried on the prevailing winds over populated areas," Uhlig wrote. "CS is said to be nonlethal unless dispensed into a confined space. The hydrogen cyanide from 40-50 [Ferret] cartridges, each containing 12.5 grams of CS, would generate sufficient hydrogen cyanide gas just in being fired in the prescribed manner to kill people in a confined space.

"The use of 40-50 [Ferret] cartridges is clearly outside the range of practical possibilities," he wrote, apparently not realizing at the time that the FBI had fired a few hundred Fer-



Mock-macho federal agent poses in front of stake-out house across road from Branch Davidian compound, while women and children burn to death as a result of governmental stupidity. Photo: FBI

ret people in confined spaces, think about the results of filling a structure with CS from 55-gallon drums and then igniting it. Marvelous way to kill people, if that is your intent."

Uhlig's expert analysis casts in a new light the FBI's refusal to allow fire trucks near the blaze until nothing was left except smoldering rubble. The FBI claims the firemen were in danger from gunfire by Branch Davidians, the same reason the FBI used to explain its hasty demolition and intense gassing of the building. But all fire survivors consistently deny shooting at the armored vehicles or anyone else, a claim bolstered by videotape taken during the gassing and demolition operation, which shows FBI agents standing unprotected, individually and in groups, in close proximity to the building.

The lack of preparation for a fire that the FBI should have anticipated is problematic. In the standard manual for special weapons and tactics teams (FM-1698,) the section dealing with the use of riot control agents such as CS specifically warns planners to "be aware of the fact that some gas projectiles will burn, while others will explode. Be prepared for the eventuality of a fire." Yet the Justice Department's investigation, which exonerated itself and the FBI, states on page 274, "When Ms. Reno asked about the availability of emergency vehicles, she was concerned about helicopters and other medical evacuation capabilities, not fire trucks."

Even without fire trucks, the FBI

could have used equipment on hand to prepare for a fire. The CEVs used in the gassing and demolition operation are designed for and come factory-equipped with high-pressure water pumps for fire-fighting. New techniques for this equipment were developed for fighting the Kuwaiti oil-well fires during the Gulf War. Yet the FBI did not rig the CEVs for fire-fighting.

More troubling, though, is the revelation that the FBI and ATF were offered, in writing, the use of armored, remote-controlled, heavy-duty fire-fighting equipment, which would have eliminated the necessity of exposing fire fighters to gunfire, if the Davidians had been shooting. Jan Bezucha Vaclav of the Flamechek Corp. in Santa Paula, California, offered the company's Model 55. Made in the Czech Republic and based on a T-55 tank chassis, it has remote-sensor video cameras, flood lights and a rotating water/foam cannon capable of delivering 600 gallons of foam or water per minute, all radio-controlled. Flamechek's offer was declined.

That refusal apparently was not based on aversion to robotic equipment. FBI planners accepted the offer of a Defense Department contractor, who happens to be a former FBI agent, for three Surrogate Tele-operated Vehicles (STVs), according to a letter released by the Pentagon under the Freedom of Information Act. According to a letter dated 10 March 1993 and signed by General Jimmy D. Ross, commanding general of the U.S. Army Matériel Command, the STV "is a prototype, remotely controlled ground vehicle ... designed for battlefield surveillance and reconnaissance operations."

The STV has daylight and night-vision video cameras, forward-looking infrared imaging sensors, a video recorder and two-way voice communications, the general's letter states. Funded by Army research and development funds, the three STVs were provided to the FBI in Waco with an on-site operator, technicians, logistical support, a Marine Corps major and an Army captain. All were delivered with the comforting assurance that the "personnel have been briefed in restrictions on military involvement in civil law enforcement."

The FBI also sought other high-tech gadgetry for use in Waco. FBI



Robert Rodriguez, undercover ATF agent who tried to get bosses to call off the ill-conceived raid, was made scapegoat. He's now the first agent to ever sue the BATF. In photo he is escorted to Davidians' trial in San Antonio by case agent Davy Aguillera, left, and unidentified agent at right, who sat in press section of court with burp gun under his trench coat. Photo: Bob Owen

ret rounds into Mount Carmel. "They never considered federal agents would use 55-gallon drums of CS [powder, for sprayers on the armored vehicles], dilute it and then fill a structure with the resulting aerosol. If 500 grams of CS, less than a quart of the agent, generates sufficient hydrogen cyanide from just being fired normally to kill

agents spent two days trying to convince a Russian scientist to let the FBI test the Russian's acoustic mind-control device on the Branch Davidians, according to *Defense Electronics* magazine. The FBI received closed-door briefings in northern Virginia on 17-19 March from Dr. Igor Smirnov of the Moscow Medical Academy, the reputable trade publication reported. Also present were members of the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Advanced Research Projects Agency. "FBI officials were briefed on the Russian's decade-long research on a computerized acoustic device allegedly capable of implanting thoughts in a person's mind without that person being aware of the source of the thought," the article said. Dr. Smirnov declined to help, because much of the necessary hardware was in Russia. The American rights to the Russian

in helicopters rained indiscriminate fire down on people inside Mount Carmel. The feds continue to deny this, yet a 28 February Army letter released under a Freedom of Information Act confirms that airborne gunfire was at least considered, before and after the raid. In an FBI request for the first of several Army helicopters, the FBI promised the Army that "if the aircraft are used in [an] assault role, U.S. Army markings will be obscured."

Destroyed Evidence

Then there is the matter of the missing right half of Mount Carmel's front door, which in video footage clearly shows the numerous entry holes made by ATF bullets in the initial raid. There are other questions about evidence apparently destroyed by the government, like the FBI's decision to bulldoze the Mount

of the causes of death."

As in the Randy Weaver trial, there also appears to be a significant amount of evidence that was tampered with by the ATF or FBI. Examples: The video that ATF claimed would conclusively prove who started the gunfight was mysteriously ruined; the 11 audio surveillance devices planted by the FBI inside Mount Carmel all miraculously malfunctioned at the same time, which happened to be about five minutes before the fire started; almost five minutes of tape from the FBI's FLIR video is unaccounted for, also in the time frame leading up to the fire. Some Davidians, such as Rita Riddle, say several church members, including her brother, Jimmy, were gunned down behind the gymnasium during this time period, and their bodies bulldozed back into the building just prior to the fire.

Graphic prepared for \$900+ million suit filed by former Attorney General Ramsay Clark on behalf of Davidian survivors and relatives illustrates the fire started in gym, not in the south-east corner of the second floor as government claims. Suit, one of many now pending, claims federal agents set fire deliberately, even sent in "kill team" to finish off survivors. Graphic: courtesy Ramsay Clark, Esq.

FBI/HRT Operation: FLUË SHOT

Phase - II (FBI/HRT Agents intentionally ignite a high temperature wind- vectored flame plume with incendiary grenades, rockets, and lasers. This resulted in predictable backdraft flashover inside the fire flue vent holes and attic wind tunnel accelerated forecast 40 MPH S.E. oxygen rich winds which caused the CS tear gas powder to burst into super hot FIRE!!!)



Henry Ruth, one of the authors of the Treasury Department review of the ATF's pivotal role in the disaster, criticized the Justice Department's lack of honesty and circumspection in its investigation of the FBI's actions at Waco. "The FBI has never subjected itself to thorough external investigations in its history. Nor have they been held accountable in the way other

technology have been bought by Psychotechnologies Corp. of Richmond, Virginia.

Once the civil trials begin, though, the FBI and the ATF will have much more mundane matters to explain. Such as the abundance of evidence, including government witnesses who testified at the Branch Davidian trial last year in San Antonio, that agents

Carmel site before any independent arson investigators could verify the government's highly questionable findings. Or why the FBI "caused the refrigeration to be cut off at the morgue in Fort Worth without notice to" Davidian relatives, Clark's suit alleges, "causing remains of deceased church members to disintegrate in order to destroy evidence

agencies have been held accountable. Part of this goes back to the magic of J. Edgar Hoover, to the mystique he created and the fear he created among the political apparatus in Washington."

Ironically, the only meaningful forum held to publicly air grievances

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UNTOUCHABLES Come Clean?

Insider Publication Exposes Dissension In BATF's Ranks

by James L. Pate

In the quest for truth about the abysmal failure of federal law enforcement resulting in the Waco massacre, the flood of disclosures has slowed to a trickle. But the search continues in the resolute hope that a prick of conscience will goad knowledgeable and ethical federal agents to step from the shadow of government silence. This hope is sustained by knowledge that among their ranks are decent, caring people with families who see the tragedy as do many other citizens: as a callous and ill-conceived publicity stunt spawned by bungling management bureaucrats of the BATF, which was brought to an even more horrific resolution by the FBI's shocking disregard for innocent human life.

While the spirit of Diogenes (the cynical Greek philosopher who carried a lantern in search of an honest man) continues to stalk the halls of the BATF and FBI, no agent has yet demonstrated the courage to publicly come clean about the darkest chapter in the history of American law enforcement. But there are encouraging signs that spirited internal debate does exist, sustaining the hope that the truth may still surface publicly. Unfortunately, ironhanded measures are be-

ing taken within the federal bureaucracy to suppress for all time any opinions independent of Big Brother's party line.

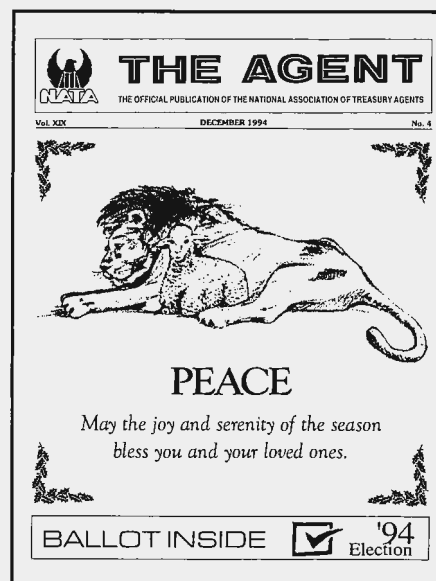
Among the latter are reports that management-level Treasury agents are attending seminars titled, "How to Fire Employees with Attitude Problems." This has prompted a warning from editors of *The Agent*, a quarterly newsletter published by the National Association of Treasury Agents (NATA), that such efforts may violate constitutional rights of free speech and, "There is a movement within the federal bureaucracy to equate 'free speech' as exercised by federal employees with so-called 'disruptive behavior,'

[which is] a firing offense."

In this otherwise ominous situation there is cause for optimism: Apparently there are federal law enforcement agents who not only know the U.S. Constitution, but still hold it in esteem, at least as its protections pertain to them.

We would like to share with *Soldier Of Fortune* readers some gleanings from *The Agent* that address internal morale in general and the Waco massacre in particular. The following excerpts are from the September 1994 issue and are

reprinted here without anyone's permission. In line with *The Agent's* policy, although correspondents are



Dissension among the ranks — even internal debate — are reflected in BATF employee letters to *The Agent*, official publication of the National Association of Treasury Agents. If the rank and file know right from wrong, it gives cause for hope that justice will eventually prevail.

required to sign their letters, no real names are published.

Perhaps the harshest words came from a writer signing himself "Former ATF Agent," who noted, "Since 1972 ... BATF management has been permitted to lie their way out of any and everything. Pure and simple. I trust no one thinks [Steve] Higgins' response to Congress; [Dan] Hartnett, [Dan] Conroy and [David] Troy's responses to the media; and other initial attempts to lie were maiden voyages into the land of deception. Since the early 1970s, all BATF management had to do to cover up problems was to (1) lie, (2) send forth Internal Affairs to confirm management's lie as really being 'sworn gospel and truth,' and (3) repeat the lie so often, even they were no longer sure of what was true."

In a letter addressing the selection criteria for the agents chosen for the SRTs (Special Response Teams) — such as the agents who tried to force their way into Mount Carmel — one ATF agent said, "Proven competency or merit was not a factor, at least ... in my office ... cronyism and affirmative action were the primary considerations." Citing individual examples — but not names — from his office, he noted most of those selected had very little street experience. "Two of the four agents killed in Waco had only three years' experience. That's certainly no criticism of them, for they were *extremely* brave to risk so much with so little going for them. Those truly at fault are the ATF managers who would allow or order neophytes like that into battle. ATF agents should be something more than cannon fodder."

Brawn Over Brains

Another letter, signed "Experienced ATF Agent," noted, "In the selection of SRT members ... brawn was given preference over brains. To be more exact, how fast one could run the mile was deemed more important than having the experience-based judgment to know whether the mile should've been run at all. That is the difference between the youngsters who were unnecessarily sacri-

ficed at Waco and veteran agents who would've refused to carry out Chuck Sarabyn's crazy orders. Next time ATF puts together an SRT ... I suggest they overload the team with experienced agents who may be a bit slower of foot ... rather than three-year trainees who are willing to run like crazy to their doom. Trust me ... if there are *enough* of these veteran guys, they'll slam dunk the likes of Chucky and his crew!"

One ATF agent questioned "the general caliber of good judgment found on ATF's Special Response Teams, [which] may be gauged by the willingness of the SRT trainees to take shots of pepper gas directly into their eyes while training at Fort McClellan. It's my understanding that each and every SRT member had this

"... no meaningful punishment of guilty parties among federal agents, either for the Randy Weaver tragedy or the Waco massacre, [is] to be expected."

done to him [as] a prerequisite for 'graduation' from the program. I think anyone who allowed that to be done to their unprotected eyes ... should have been kicked off the SRT for exercising extremely poor judgment."

Another agent, who signed himself "Retired Supervisor," warned, "It should — MUST — be noted that the same 'failures' which exist in BATF are present in each of the other Treasury enforcement agencies. It is my firm belief that these 'failures' are more prevalent within BATF. However, if not challenged in the other Treasury agencies, their operations could also deteriorate to a level like that of BATF."

Finally, another letter suggests that at least some experienced agents are mad as hell and not going to take it any more, that there are some decent people behind those badges who are right-thinking Americans. Further, it implies at least the contemplation of fragging of such reckless and cowardly liars as Sarabyn, Chojnacki,

Hartnett, Troy, et al:

"The poor judgment exercised by ATF commanders at Waco gave me 'flashbacks' to my combat infantry tour in Vietnam. Then, as now, promotion-hungry commanders were only too willing to sacrifice the blood of their grunts on ill-advised operations. We had any number of 'special' ways of handling such commanders then. As for now ...?"

Nobody's Fault

It appears career ATF agents knew all along something the ordinary citizen might not have known — apparently this just isn't possible within the system by which federal law enforcement bureaucrats have so well insulated themselves from the justice they supposedly serve. Witness the

ATF's decision to rehire Phil Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn, two of the central culprits in the Waco disaster. All they needed to do was threaten, through their attorneys, to spill the beans on other liars and miscreants within the upper echelons and they were quickly reinstated.

Then there was FBI Director Louis Freeh's decision not to dispense any meaningful punishment to agents responsible for the unprovoked and senseless shooting death of Vicki Weaver. Among those receiving velvet-gloved wrist slaps were Dick Rogers, former head of the Hostage Rescue Team, and Lon Horiuchi, Vicki Weaver's assassin, who both went on eight months later to play key roles in the flaming culmination at Waco. These outrageous decisions beg the question: How badly must one err to be fired from a federal law enforcement agency? What degree of incompetence, malfeasance, malice or pure evil must be proven to hold an agent accountable?

Such questions were posed to Treasury Undersecretary Ron Noble by agents when he appeared at a NATA-sponsored luncheon. Noble oversaw the Treasury investigation into BATF's role in the Waco massacre. According to *The Agent*, the

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Stinger Pen Pistol /s Mightier Than The Sword

WEAPON OF LAST RESORT



Stinger Pen Pistol in its firing configuration — a weapon of last resort and no more than a backup to a backup.

TEXT & PHOTOS BY PETER G. KOKALIS

No one in his right mind would depend solely upon a pen gun, or even a derringer for that matter, to defend himself against an armed opponent. Small one- or two-shot handguns are at best backups to a backup. Furthermore, they are usually chambered for cartridges that provide only marginal performance in the area of wound ballistics. However, they do have a few legitimate applications beyond assassination

missions by clandestine operatives.

The NFA branch of the BATF considers pen guns, with the exception of the subject of this article, to be in the "Any Other Weapon" (AOW) category. Basically this is a "catch-all" section of the National Firearms Act of 1934 and it includes such items as shotguns with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, smooth-bore pistols like the Marble Gamegetter and pen guns. Furthermore, BATF regulations

state that AOW classification applies to "any tear gas device capable of chambering and firing shotshell or metallic ammunition, even though the device destroys itself ..." AOW firearms must be registered in the NFA log book, but they require only a \$5 transfer tax.

Rimfire and centerfire pen guns first surfaced in the late 1920s. The centerfire types evolved from tear gas designs and novelty pens that fired

.32-caliber blanks. But, nobody got serious about pen guns until World War II.

By 1942, the CIA's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services, had determined that a small, concealable firearm was required for clandestine

tional manufactured 100 Hornet pen guns, each with .22 LR, .25 ACP, .380 ACP and 9mm Parabellum barrels. There have been dozens of others made, and they all fall into the AOW classification.

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.22 LR and .22 Magnum rimfire barrels can be interchanged freely, but a centerfire .25 ACP barrel cannot be used with Stinger Pen Pistol rimfire models (nor can rimfire barrels be used on the centerfire model).

It is the required change from a pen configuration to a handgun geometry in order to fire the weapon that takes the Stinger Pen Pistol out of the BATF's AOW category. To place this weapon into the firing position, first pull the spring-loaded barrel and receiver away from the tubular handle about 1.2 inches. The trigger will pop out. While the barrel/receiver group and handle remain separated to the maximum extent, rotate the handle downward (toward the trigger) about 70 degrees. Let go of the handle and it will move upward approximately 0.2 inch to lock the pistol in the firing configuration.

The safety is in the form of a slotted sleeve around the front end of the receiver tube. A small slot-head screw projects out of the receiver tube into the slot on the safety sleeve to limit its rotation. Rotating the sleeve clockwise (with the muzzle pointing downward) raises the breechface so that the firing pin can protrude through a notch on the left side of the breechface (or a hole in the center of the breechface in the case of the .25 ACP model) and also locks the barrel in place. A small tab on the rear end of the barrel rides in two semi-circular grooves in the top and bottom of the breechface. When the safety is off, the breechface is raised so that the semi-circular grooves are no longer aligned with the tab at the end of the barrel. Rotating the safety sleeve counterclockwise lowers the breechface plate to block the firing pin's forward travel and permits the barrel to be unscrewed. Furthermore, the barrel, if previously unscrewed, cannot be seated completely unless the safety is on. Placing the Stinger Pen Pistol into the pen configuration will automatically engage the safety.

Loading this pistol is a somewhat elaborate procedure. After it has been fired, the spring-loaded firing pin remains forward, beyond the breechface. To cock the firing pin, the weapon must be placed in the pen configuration, then into the pistol configuration (at which time the firing pin is retracted) and then, for safety's sake back into the pen format. At this



An assortment of deadly lapel-pocket devices, from top to bottom: rod pencil, a specially modified KOH-I-NOR drafting pencil with a spring-loaded 3.3-inch hardened steel shaft that tapers to a needle point; a dagger within a ballpoint pen; and the Stinger Pen Pistol in its pen configuration.

operations involving "termination with extreme prejudice." The British Sedgley Fountain Pen Gun was examined and an inexpensive, expendable spinoff was developed. Originally called the "Scorpion," this pencil-sized weapon was designed to be thrown away after its single caliber .22 rimfire Short cartridge was fired. Renamed the "Stinger," 40,000 of five variants were produced by the Rite-Rite Manufacturing Co., Downers Grove, Illinois, from July 1943 through July 1944. They cost 40 cents apiece. A reloadable Stinger was subsequently developed. Only a handful were made by the Maryland Research Laboratories.

After World War II, Mitch WerBell of Military Armament Corp. designed and produced a reloadable Stinger known as the "Single Shot Survival Weapon" or "SSS-1." Originally sold for \$36, they are still occasionally offered by Class 3 dealers for up to \$300. SWD Inc. produced a caliber .22 LR rimfire pen gun called the "BP" model during the 1980s. Some U.S. Navy Mk 31 Mod 0 pen-sized flare projectors made by Penguin Industries have been legally remanufactured with caliber .25 ACP barrels. In 1990, Armitage Interna-

88 Parade Road, Meredith, NH 03253; phone: 800-736-4867) has recently introduced a unique pen gun that does not require registration as an AOW nor a \$5 transfer tax. Called the "Stinger Pen Pistol," it is chambered for three different cartridges: .25 ACP (the original chambering), .22 LR rimfire and .22 Magnum rimfire. *Soldier Of Fortune* was sent a caliber .22 LR specimen with an additional .22 Magnum rimfire barrel for test and evaluation.

Although it weighs only 5 ounces, empty, the Stinger Pen Pistol is considerably more robust than the majority of this genre. It is composed of three major components. The receiver, made of 303 stainless steel; the handle, fabricated from 416 stainless steel; and the barrel which is made from 4140 ordnance steel. The internal components are made of heat-treated tool steel. As carried in the "pen" format, the overall length is 5.6 inches. The outside diameter varies from 5/8 to 1/2 inch. In its firing or "pistol" format the overall length is 4.2 inches.

The barrel length is 2 inches. Barrels in all three calibers have six grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 14 inches. Both the



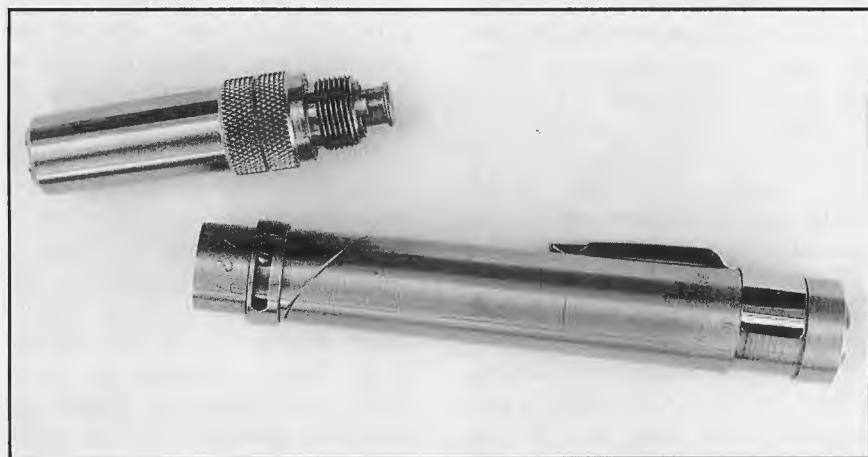
Stinger Pen Pistol in its firing configuration with the three cartridges for which it is chambered: semi-rimmed .25 ACP (6.35mm), .22 LR rimfire and .22 Magnum rimfire.

time, using the knurling at the rear of the barrel, the barrel can be unscrewed, the empty case removed and a new round inserted.

To fire the Stinger Pen Pistol (after it has been placed into the firing

firing pin's rear extension, forward and permit the firing pin to advance and strike the primer. The force required to release the striker on our test specimen was just under 4 pounds.

There are no sights. A firearm of



Loading the Stinger Pen Pistol is a somewhat elaborate procedure. The weapon must be placed in the pen configuration, then in the pistol configuration to cock and retract the firing pin and then back into the pen format to engage the safety. The barrel can then be unscrewed, the fired case removed by hand and a live round inserted into the chamber. Note tab on the rear end of the barrel which prevents barrel removal unless the safety is engaged.

configuration), first rotate the safety sleeve clockwise as far as possible. Grasp the handle more or less as you would a conventional handgun, with the thumb pressing against the back of the handle and all of the fingers below the trigger. Use the index finger to press upward on the trigger. This will rotate a steel hook, which engages a slot in the spring-loaded

this type needs no sights. It will be used only when all else has failed, at a range very close to physical contact with the target. *SOF's* tests indicate, however, that it takes slightly more than 2 seconds to draw the Stinger Pen Pistol, place it in the firing configuration, rotate the safety sleeve and get off a shot — and this only with determined practice.

Suggested retail price of the Stinger Pen Pistol is \$199, complete with a pocket clip and black nylon belt pouch. A firearm of this type should be carried in a shirt or jacket pocket exactly like a pen or pencil. Be advised that in some states or local jurisdictions, this would be a concealed weapon even in the palm of your hand or out in the open. Check the pertinent ordinances in the area in which you live before toting this or any other pen gun.

Which of the Stinger Pen Pistol's three, rather anemic, calibers provides the highest level of potential performance in the area of wound ballistics? As I have stated many times before, bullet penetration is the most important single parameter in an assessment of a cartridge's wound ballistics potential. The bullet must penetrate deeply enough to crush, cut and break through the human body's vital structures and organs. The capability to penetrate from 12 to 20 inches of soft tissue is the desired standard, as we may have some bones to break and varying amounts of fabric to penetrate. Your opponent may also have his arms in front of his body holding a weapon, and the projectile may have to penetrate that part of his anatomy also before it drives into his torso. Without sacrificing penetration, the bullet that makes the biggest hole will do the most damage.

First introduced in 1906 by Fabrique Nationale for their Baby Browning pistol, the .25 ACP (6.35mm) cartridge clings to life primarily because its semi-rimmed case operates with marginally more reliability in semiautomatic pistols than the .22 rimfire rounds. This is of no advantage in this instance. Hornady has brought the .25 ACP cartridge to its greatest potential with their 35-grain Jacketed Hollow Point (JHP) XTP bullet, available as loaded ammunition under the "Hornady Custom" label (catalog No. 9001). It provides more effective performance than either Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) bullets in this caliber or the peculiar Winchester Western load, which has a 45-grain JHP bullet with a pellet inserted into its cavity. However, I would still select a .22 rimfire over any .25 ACP round.

The 36-grain lead Hollow Point (HP) bullet of a Remington High Velocity .22 LR round will be traveling

at only 900 fps out of the muzzle of the Stinger Pen Pistol's 2-inch barrel. It will not expand at this velocity. Sometimes it yaws 180 degrees in soft tissue to end up base forward and sometimes it doesn't. Whether it does or not, penetration is no more than 8.6 inches.

Winchester Super-X .22 Magnum rimfire ammunition has a 40-grain JHP bullet that moves out at an even slower 850 fps. This is not surprising, as .22 Magnum rimfire ammunition requires somewhat longer barrels than .22 LR ammunition to reach its maximum velocity potential. In this instance, a significant portion of the propellant charge is undoubtedly blown out the barrel to do no more than increase the muzzle flash and blast. Once again, the JHP bullets will not expand and sometimes they yaw 180 degrees, and other times they reach the end of their penetration round-nose forward. Penetration exhibits a marginal increase to 9.2 inches.

Remington High Velocity .22 LR ammunition with 40-grain solid lead round-nose bullets will approach 1,250 fps out of the muzzle of a rifle-length barrel. This drops to little better than 870 fps when fired through the Stinger Pen Pistol's 2-inch tube. Penetration is only 7.4 inches in soft tissue.

All of the above is no better than mediocre. However, Winchester Super-X .22 Magnum rimfire ammunition with 40-grain FMJ bullets provides significantly superior performance. While the muzzle velocity only hovers around 900 fps (less than half that produced by rifles in this caliber), the penetration in soft tissue is a respectable 11.1 inches. That's not too shabby for an addition of merely 5 ounces to your lapel pocket. Furthermore, this bullet (sometimes still referred to as an "FMC", or Full Metal Case, projectile) will usually yaw 180 degrees at 3/4 to 2 inches of penetration. Where bullet yaw is maximum, 60 to 120 degrees, the height of the permanent cavity (wound track) will increase to 0.62 inches.

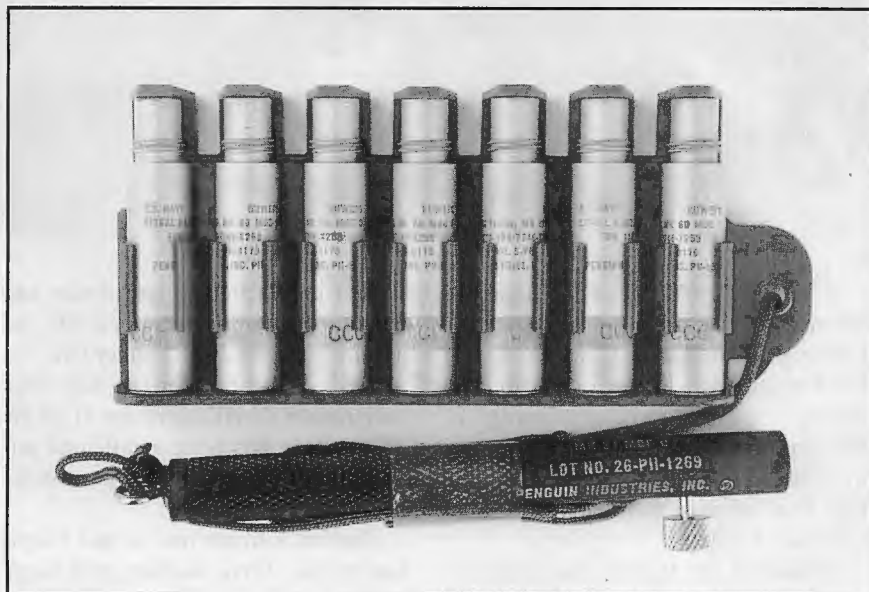
Some have recommended the use of .22 Magnum rimfire shotshells in weapons of this type. I consider this to be ill-advised. CCI's .22 Maxi-Mag shotshells carry 1/8-ounce of No. 11 shot (approximately 172 pellets) in a

Stinger Pen Pistol Specifications

Caliber:22 LR rimfire, .22 Magnum rimfire and .25 ACP (6.35mm).
Operation:	Single shot, striker fired.
Weight, empty:	5 ounces.
Length, overall:	5.6 inches in "pen" format; 4.2 inches in "pistol" format.
Barrel length:	2 inches.
Barrel:	Six grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 14 inches in all calibers.
Sights:	None.
Finish:	Stainless steel handle and receiver tube; nickel-plated barrel.
Manufacturer:	R.J. Braverman Corp. (Dept. SOF, 88 Parade Road, Meredith, NH 03253; phone: 800-736-4867).
Price:	\$199, complete with pocket clip and black nylon belt pouch.
T&E summary:	Well-made, clever design that avoids NFA AOW classification. A weapon of last resort only.

plastic capsule. This tiny rat shot will probably not penetrate most clothing and, even if it does, will never drive far enough into soft tissue to reach the human body's vital structures.

tially constructed, the Stinger Pen Pistol's relatively simple mechanism operated with complete reliability during *SOF's* test and evaluation. Perceived recoil, even with the .22 Magnum rimfire cartridge, is moderate,



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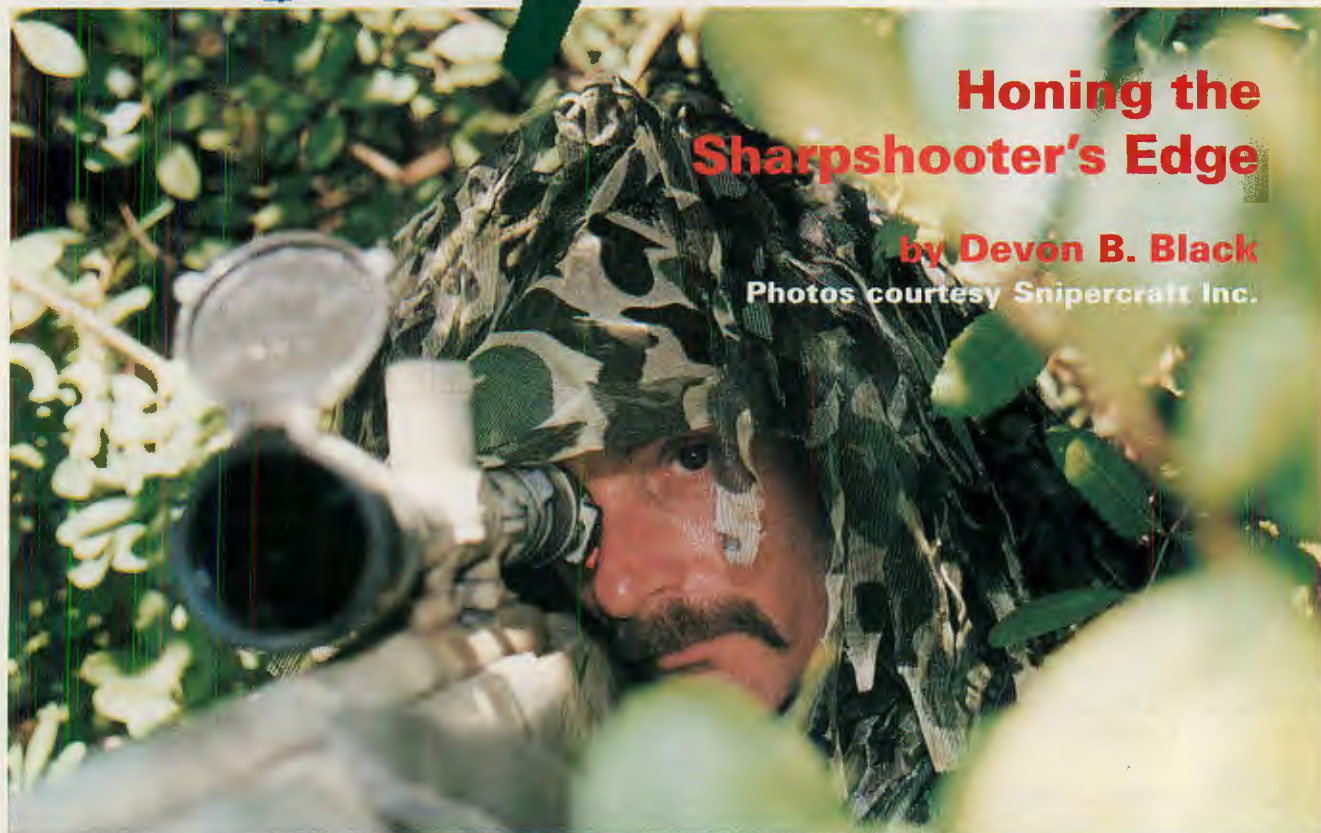
At the ultra-close ranges that the Stinger Pen Pistol is most likely to be employed, a brain shot can be attempted with a more certainty of success than at greater distances, even on a bobbing and weaving target, and with .22 rimfire ammunition this will usually be more effective than a shot to the torso.

Cleverly designed and substan-

noticeably less than that of the NAA Mini-Revolver which weighs about the same. This is principally because the Stinger Pen Pistol's handle provides a substantial purchase for even the largest hands.

While probably an oddity to most, the Stinger Pen Pistol will be a weapon of last resort to a chosen few who move in the shadows. ✕

Sniper 2022



Honing the Sharpshooter's Edge

by Devon B. Black

Photos courtesy Snipercraft Inc.

Nearly every day, somewhere in the world, a police sniper is learning a valuable lesson from first-hand experience in the field. Somewhere a sniper is discovering a limitation in his equipment, a fault in his training regimen or just the simple fact that he is a policeman with a rifle, not a sniper.

Whatever the lesson, the problem over the years has been that because of the fragmented nature of the tactical community, the lesson may never go any further than a few close associates. A valuable lesson that may someday save the life of an officer or civilian is lost because of the limited network in place for sharing information among professional snipers.

Snipercraft Inc. is trying to change that. They have taken it upon themselves to bring the sniper community together and enhance the level of proficiency and professionalism within it.

Derrick Bartlett is the founder and managing director of Snipercraft and a sniper on the Fort Lauderdale Police SWAT team. Bartlett has been assigned to SWAT teams for 11 of the 14 years he has been a full-time police officer. Nine of those years have been spent as a sniper.

Bartlett told me that he and fellow teammates, Dave Sanders and Steve



Snipers simply have to be the best. And Snipercraft remains committed to a professional sniper community and is willing to put on classes and seminars anywhere in the country.

Properly trained and utilized, snipers should be the eyes and ears of a tactical team, providing real-time intelligence to the command post. If need be, they can provide a long-distance, deadly-force resolution to a situation.

Medley, started their organization out of frustration: "Dave and I had just come back from what was billed as an advanced sniper school. Other than a couple of hours of lecture, we spent the entire week shooting at bull's-eyes. Important items like tactics and fieldcraft were never addressed. Our own in-house training was more comprehensive and rigorous than what we had done.

"After we got back home, we were sitting with Sergeant Medley, who's our sniper team coordinator, complaining about the quality and content of what was being passed off as sniper training. He suggested we do

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something about it. In the months that followed, Snipercraft, and the philosophy that would govern it, was born."

That philosophy is ambitious. Bartlett feels snipers are far more than designated shooters. Properly trained



Given a quality rifle, anybody can learn to lay in a comfortable position and shoot bull's-eyes. A sniper worthy of his title is much more than a marksman. But as a marksman, he is expected to be perfect under pressure.

and utilized, snipers should be the eyes and ears of a tactical team, providing real-time intelligence to the command post. They can provide protection and guidance to the team as it maneuvers to contain and possibly confront a dangerous subject. If need be, they can provide a long-distance, deadly-force resolution to a situation. Looking beyond normal SWAT functions, they can also be employed for stakeouts, sting operations, surveil-

lance and intelligence gathering.

Bartlett is emphatic: "It is not enough to simply hand a policeman a rifle with a scope and anoint him 'team sniper.' This is a special job, requiring a special person, with specialized equipment and training. I've said this before, but I think it bears repeating. You would not want to have lifesaving surgery performed on you by a surgeon who obtained his degree through a correspondence school and bought his instruments at a medical flea market. You would want only the best trained and equipped doctor available to work on you. A professional sniper is the surgeon of your SWAT or SRT team. Why should he

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be any less prepared?"

There is a tendency of some departments to cut corners when putting together a sniper program. Weapons are often taken from evidence lockers or confiscations. Usually these are nothing more than scoped hunting rifles or old surplus weapons of questionable quality. These are then given to someone on the team who is designated "sniper" by virtue of some arbitrary selection process. The criteria may be anything from past military experience to an inability to do entry-team work. Training this "sniper" may be limited to firing a few rounds at bull's-eyes every month or two.

In this day of liability and litigation such a program is inexcusable. Especially when one takes the time to research what is available in the way of equipment and training for departments of varying budget limitations.

Bartlett offered a solution: "We started out by organizing a sniper tournament. The SWAT/Sniper Shootout was a chance for snipers from all over Florida to get together for some friendly competition and fun, as well as spend some time exchanging ideas and war stories. To our knowledge, it was the first time anything like it had ever been done here. That's when the whole thing grew legs and took off. We announced our agenda and the response was overwhelming. Everyone kept telling us what a great idea this was and asking when was the next one scheduled. Sniper Weekend was the next logical step."

Sniper Weekend is a three-day affair that has since become an annual event in southern Florida and now attracts snipers from all over the country. The event starts with a day-long seminar. Sniper Weekend '95, which ran 21-23 April, featured such notable speakers as Major John L. Plaster, author of *The Ultimate Sniper*, and Dr. Martin L. Fackler, noted authority on wound ballistics.

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arm to simulate the sounds of a beating. Yet as the ordeal dragged on, it became rougher. On one occasion, Sheridan was thrown headfirst onto the floor.

"You little pussy," one of the tormenters growled as he stripped off Sheridan's pants. He dragged the half-naked man into the bathroom by the pillowcase tied around his neck. The burly SEALs lifted their bound victim by his ankles and lowered him again and again into the toilet bowl. While water swirled down the drain, Sheridan gagged as the waterlogged pillowcase cut off his air. After what must have seemed forever, the SEALs pulled Sheridan from the toilet and forced his head into the bathtub, which they had also filled with water.

Suddenly one of the SEALs slipped on the wet floor and landed on Sheridan's back. "You broke a rib, you broke a rib!" Sheridan screamed, but the assault continued. Everyone in the room knew they had crossed the line between realistic training and outright cruelty. Red Cell's corpsman, Farias, gave Sheridan a quick look, but decided the injuries were not serious. They untied the half-naked and dripping captive and let him dress and sit on the bed.

At the La Hacienda Motel the SEALs listened to the after-action report, and most probably knew that the kidnapping had gone too far. Duke Leonard called a meeting and sent someone to get Marcinko from Garf's. The SEALs and the Essex crew were all gathered around the video equipment when Marcinko showed up, mildly buzzed. He plopped down like a besotted Buddha on the floor directly in front of the video monitor and waved his hand for the tape to begin.

"Can we clean that up?" Marcinko asked. It was not a direct order to cover up the evidence, but Marcinko intimated that much of the footage was inappropriate for the tapes they were developing for the base security people.

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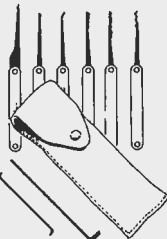
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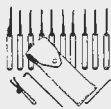
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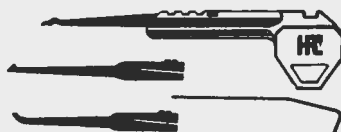
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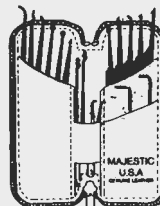
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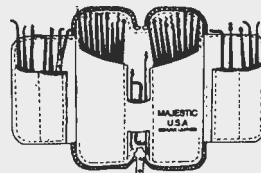
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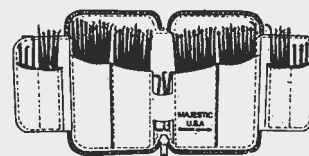
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Dupree waffled on whether or not he had been ordered to doctor the final product: "I don't recall being directed ... to edit portions of the interrogation scene; however, I don't disclaim the possibility of its occurrence because I just don't remember. I might have done the editing, but I'm not really sure."

Still the Red Cell exercise continued. At 0300 on 21 March, the SEALs targeted the tugboats that ferried barges full of ammunition to and from the big ships waiting out at sea. The entire 20-man Red Cell team was divided into three groups, each one tasked with two different missions. The main target was the barges loaded with ordnance for the battleships. Four SEALs managed to swim out to the barges and plant three radio-activated bombs, then slip away unnoticed. If real terrorists were as successful, Orange County would have seen a fireworks show they would never forget. The casualties would be beyond imagination. This last coup ended CB-10, but Red Cell's problems were just beginning.

Red Cell's story concludes next month with the fallout from CB-10, Marcinko's legal troubles and Red Cell's emasculation and termination. ❧

McALEESE

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When it comes to skills and depth of training, American special forces take it seriously. But when it comes to operations, my impression is, they tend to get stuck in technology and public relations traps. There's an unfortunate tendency these days to rely on 'assets' over basic soldiering skills. I'm not the first person to say this.

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SOF: Do aspiring mercs contact you for advice?

McAleese: Oh yeah, and some real wackos, too. You get a call from a guy who's got my number from somewhere and he says, 'I want to become a mercenary. I'm not getting on with my wife.' I mean, what an excuse to go become a soldier and get stuck into conflict! 'I'm not gettin' on with my wife.'

SOF: What skills do you look for in someone seeking mercenary work?

McAleese: Knowledge of explosives. Medical training. A most important skill is instructional technique, ability to communicate with and train people. Basic infantry skills, ability to read ground. His depth: Has he studied his trade, his profession? Many people fall into the special forces trap, assuming if a man's ex-special forces he will make a good adventurer, but most of the stuff to be done is gutsy infantry work. A friend I've operated with is an example. He's intelligent, he can think a situation through. Whereas some might pick up every gauntlet, he'll examine it and if necessary say, 'That's not for me.' He knows when to cut off. He's extremely fit, with a strong operational background. He has a solid education and his basic soldiering skills are superb. The only thing I have against Steve is that he was a Marine!

SOF: Of the men you've gone into combat with, which nationalities were the best mercs?

McAleese: I can't say. Over 50%

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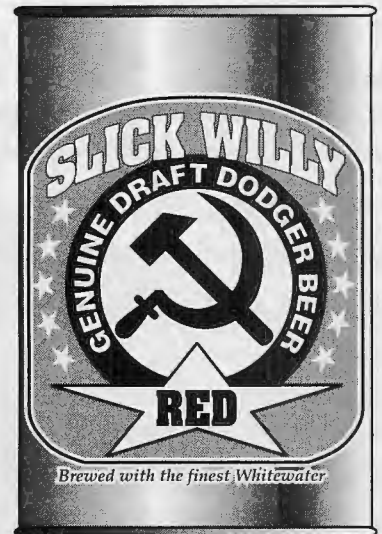
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of the guys in my troop in the Rhodesian SAS were foreigners: Brits, French, Americans, Germans. Of the Americans, Bob MacKenzie was a gutsy soldier, very calm in every situation. One of his real talents was to take a complicated situation and make it simple. As a troop commander there was no one else I wanted to work with. He knew how to give a briefing, and you always knew before an operation that he had everything planned properly. Then there was Imre Baka, ex-U.S. Army. We had Norad. Everyone knew Norad: He was a *Marine*. There was another former-Marine, Jack Thompson, who was an awfully good instructor.

In South Africa with 44 Para, Lang Price was a soldier in anyone's language. He came from a good background, a banking family, and I asked him once how he ended up there. He said, as only an American can say: "Sir, I was fucking bored."

Rick Molson was another good man, ex-Ranger, 1/75th. There was K.D. Clark, a typical American Marine, and a very aggressive soldier. Ken Gaudet: What can I say except he was first-rate. Mike Lenskov really knew his business; his special forces skills were beyond reproach. Another guy deserving mention is Dave Barr, who lost both legs when his vehicle went over a land mine. Now there's a good guy: His heavy weapons skills were superb. On operations he looked like a pile of crumpled, oil-stained clothes, but the twin .50s on his vehicle, his pride and joy, were immaculate. All these Yanks really knew what they were doing. I was proud to serve with them.

It was the end of our third meeting and we spoke late into the night: politics, history, mutual acquaintances in Africa, until it was time for me to catch the last train. I finished my drink, gathered my notes and recorder and pulled on my raincoat. McAleese walked me to the door and shook my hand. Just before stepping into the wet London night I paused and turned back to him.

"What made you decide to become a mercenary?"

Peter McAleese thought for a moment, then shrugged. "You know, I didn't set off to be a mercenary. I was just a professional soldier looking for work." Then he smiled. "It's been a fucking exciting life."

A twice-wounded combat veteran of African wars and a working journalist with more than a year in the bush covering Koevoet and Unita operations, Jim Hooper is co-author with frequent SOF contributor Ken Guest of the recently released volume *Flashpoint!* At the Frontline of Today's Wars, published by Arms and Armour Press. ✕

SNIPERCRAFT

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SWAT commanders and administrators in the seminar. The more they know about us and what we do, the better. Here is a chance to teach them to respect our skills. It is also a golden opportunity to sell them on the need to get us more training and equipment," Bartlett explained.

Following the seminar was the Sniper Team Shoot-out, a two-day event that pitted sniper teams against one another in a variety of challenging courses. Each course was designed to test the team's tactics, decision making, teamwork, conditioning, as well as marksmanship. Also tested was their ability to function under pressure. In keeping with the Snipercraft philosophy that snipers are more than just shooters, there was also a written exam to test observation skills and general knowledge of their trade.

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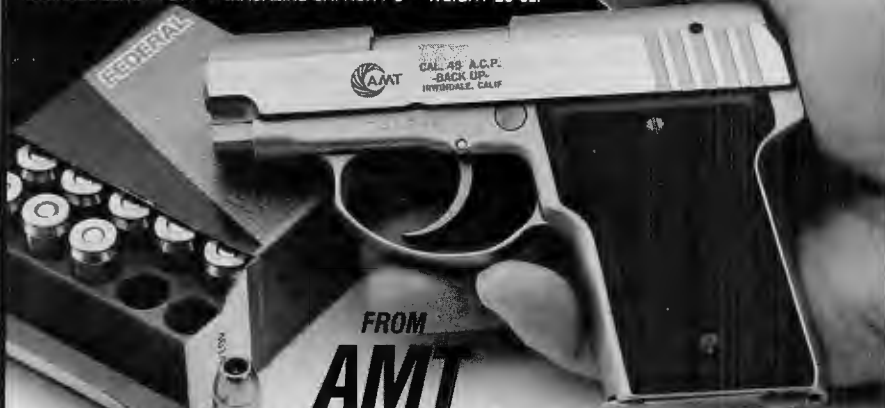
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comparing equipment, exchanging ideas, sharing experiences and making friends. By the end of Sniper Weekend, one had the feeling the sniper community had gotten a little closer and a lot stronger as a result.

In an effort to spread the word even further and to keep the momentum going, Snipercraft publishes a quarterly newsletter boasting an international mailing list. Training tips, war stories, product information and incident evaluations are just some of the items found there.

According to Bartlett: "The newsletter is about sharing information. Just like everything else we do here. We want snipers in Colorado to be aware of and learn from what snipers in Virginia are doing. They say knowledge is power. In our case, knowledge could mean life or death.

"We don't really try to teach snipers. We don't claim to be the experts in the field here. We don't say our way is the best or only way to do things. Instead, I think we try to stimulate and challenge our students to learn more about sniping. Our approach is to say these are the methods and principles we have tried in the field and this is what has worked for us. Try them out. If they work for you, use them. If not, for whatever reason, try something else. Be open to new ideas. We are. Experiment with what's out there. Take what you can use and discard the rest. But the bottom line is don't stop learning."

And Snipercraft hasn't stopped training. Programs ranging from a basic sniper school to advanced courses have been added. In fact, the 1995 training calendar includes: Police Sniper Survival Skills, 18-19 May and 19-20 October; One-Shot Workshop, 8-9 June and 16-17 November; and a 40-hour Advanced Sniper course in December.

Snipercraft's staff complements the ambitious training program. "Except for our business manager, who happens to be my wife," Bartlett remarked, "our staff is made up entirely of full-time police officers. Most are members of the Fort Lauderdale SWAT team. All are certified firearms instructors and teachers with different areas of expertise. I handle the day-to-day functions, answering the mail, making the phone calls, managing the paperwork. Dave, Steve and Larry Keesling pitch in to help

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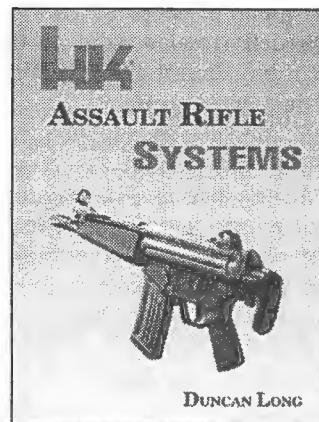
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organize the training sessions and Sniper Weekend. Other team members help out as needed. Every one of them is a professional with a commitment to excellence. They are a great group of people."

Bartlett remains fixed on the future of Snipercraft: "Sniper Weekend remains our focal point. That is our big training and social event and it is still growing. It is the basis for all of our other activities. The training programs are starting to garner more interest and we will be doing more of them each year. Something we are experimenting with is taking overall sniper skills and breaking them down into smaller components. We then concentrate on those skills in short, intense programs. It works out great for departments that can't afford to send their people away to a sniper school for two weeks at a time.

"We are also starting to get more and more interest in starting a national professional sniper association. As soon as we can work out the logistics, I think that is going to happen."

Snipercraft has grown fast but their aim remains true. It is still a non-profit organization that contributes

part of the proceeds from Sniper Weekend to local children's charities. The training, seminars and competitions are available exclusively to police and military personnel. And fees are set to make the services affordable to even the smallest department with the tightest budget. And Snipercraft is willing to put on classes and seminars anywhere in the country with the assistance of a sponsoring agency or department.

Bringing together the sniper community truly seems to be Bartlett's goal: "It's time that the professional sniper is recognized for what he really is. With the high cost hanging on our success or failure, both in liabilities and lives, the tactical sniper today has to be the consummate professional. He has to be well-chosen, well-equipped and well-trained. He has to have both the discipline and the desire it will take to be proficient at his deadly art. He will be asked to function in an environment that is stressful, strenuous and allows no room for error."

After a short pause, Bartlett sat back in his chair and quietly continued, "Snipers simply have to be the best."

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BATF LETTERS

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meeting began and ended with tough questions about "lack of punishment for the ATF bosses who made the fatal decisions at Waco ..." Noble said such a decision was still in limbo at request of the Justice Department, a convenient excuse that the departments of Treasury and Justice have bandied back and forth to rationalize the glacier-like movement toward meaningful remedies.

Several Treasury agents at the luncheon meeting openly "criticized the practice of allowing the ATF managers [such as Chojnacki and Sarabyn] to remain on protracted paid admin-



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istrative leave while their fate is being decided," *The Agent* reported, and "Noble indicated that was standard practice. A recently terminated IRS agent in attendance vehemently disputed that assertion."

No One Policing The Police

The Agent also published a guest editorial entitled "Higher Power Needed to Hold Feds Accountable," written by Scripps-Howard columnist Paul Craig Roberts, himself a former Treasury agent. Roberts contends, "Waco happened because federal agents don't expect to be held accountable. There is no higher authority looking over their shoulders ... We need a permanent special prosecutor ... to investigate and bring indictments against both federal agents who use excessive force and U.S. attorneys who bring phony cases in order to cover up such abuses. Nothing less than the credibility of the federal government is at stake."

Noble's report on Waco was in as much demand by ATF agents as it was among citizens who cared enough to pay attention. Many agents, however, could get the report through their

office only with Big Brother looking over their shoulders, by signing requests specifying why they wanted to read the document. Despite the critical tone of Noble's Waco report, *The Agent's* editors apparently concur with *SOF*, which summed up the report as "a masterfully crafted damage control document."

The Agent concluded: "As for personal culpability ... the published Waco report is disingenuous and lacking somewhat in specificity. That was probably an attempt to protect certain ATF managers from future lawsuits by the relatives of the numerous innocent children killed during the various Waco incidents. NATA is confident more facts will be disclosed as the various Waco-related civil lawsuits progress. Hang on to your hats for some real bombshells!"

Other agents suggested that having federal agencies investigate themselves for alleged wrongdoing is an exercise in futility. In a guest editorial titled "Darth Vaders of the Evil Empire," acting NATA Treasurer Cliff Carpenter Jr., strongly challenged corrupt and unethical practices in ATF's Internal Affairs office. Despite the

tremendous political fallout from the Waco massacre, Carpenter suggests that the Internal Affairs [IA] officials "did not get the message, or ... ATF management is already ... building another castle of deceit ... It is well known and documented how IA investigators and ATF management have ... knowingly base[d] their actions upon known false reports.

"Many ATF agents, and former agents, knew [prior to the event] there was a Waco in ATF's future," Carpenter wrote, "Obviously, no one knew where or when, but with ATF's management mentality, a Waco was sure to happen." An honest and independent IA office — not one manipulated and prostituted to suit the political expediencies of management — "would have prevented Waco ..." he added. "Over the years, this would have [removed] the corrupt and incompetent from positions of responsibility before they had the authority to devise such an ill-conceived plan ... Every falsified IA report was a building block to the disaster. So was every crony promotion. Taking the easy way out

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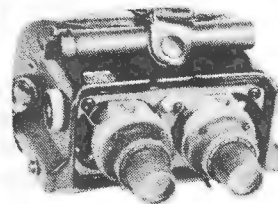
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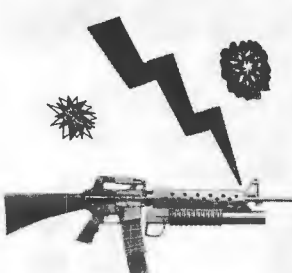
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was the mortar that held the evil empire together."

James L. Pate covered the siege of Mount Carmel, and has continued to cover the aftermath of the fiasco in Waco. ✕

GIGN

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prisingly, this had little effect on the dazed terrorists who kept blasting away, hitting another commando.

Within four minutes all passengers were evacuated. Kim's group had linked up with his wounded comrades in Favier's team at the front. Shouting to be heard over the din of gunfire, Favier's men requested extra ammunition and equipment. On the radio, Favier gave his eight snipers the order to engage. Posted so that every part of the cockpit was in their line of sight, the snipers fired. One of the terrorists was hit and killed. The snipers opened fire again. It was established later that each sniper had fired between 10 and 20 rounds.

But fire continued from the cockpit and the front group's assault had stalled. Reinforcements came in the form of two gendarmes who climbed up the mobile ramp at the front of the aircraft. As the leader climbed up, the one remaining terrorist fired a random burst, hitting the gendarme and sending him reeling back from the impact. By a miracle, the projectile entered the barrel of his SIG-P228 and exited under the trigger guard, saving the man's life and shattering his handgun.

Ten minutes had now elapsed and the terrorists' fire had slackened significantly. The gendarmes lobbed another hand grenade into the cockpit. A loud explosion was followed by loose GIGN machine-gun bursts. Again, minutes ticked by. Thinking a terrorist might still be alive, the snipers opened fire again. Rounds smashed through the windscreen in tight clusters clearly indicating from where the shots had been fired.

Suddenly everything was quiet. Twenty minutes after the start of the assault, a lone voice echoed across the airport from the tower's public address system: "This is

the captain speaking. Stop firing. They're all dead in here!"

From the control tower the crisis cell transmitted this information to Favier who, fearing that some terrorists might be playing possum, ordered the survivors to file out of the cockpit with their hands up. Stunned and bewildered but amazingly uninjured, the pilot and steward walked out, stepping over the corpses of the terrorists.

The 54-hour ordeal of Air France Flight 8969 was over. More than 1,500 rounds and a dozen grenades had been used. One of the world's most spectacular anti-terrorist missions had been brought to a successful end.

As ambulance sirens wailed in the background, Favier radioed a last, laconic message to the tower at 1935: "Operation terminated. Damage limited."

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ate power cartridges with non-expanding bullets — which have been designed to wound rather than kill. Though the fragmentation of certain bullets, such as 5.56x45mm, does enhance wounding effect, typically such cartridges are considerably less deadly than most high-power hunting cartridges (e.g., .243 Winchester, .30-06, .300 WinMag) with expanding bullets. Remember, hunting ammunition, by definition, is designed to kill.

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search studies from wound ballistic laboratories. The table shown here well illustrates the less-than-lethal characteristics of "assault weapon" wounds.

And the reality of Black Talon wounds? Martin Fackler, M.D., former chief of the Army Wound Ballistics Laboratory, has exposed the voodoo wound ballistics of ignorant physicians and has studied the Black Talon. Fackler's research shows that Black Talon performs exactly like any other hollowpoint handgun bullet, except in the last 4 of its 18 inches of travel, where the cutting effect is a more efficient wounding mechanism than crushing. For example, in its last few inches of travel, a standard hollowpoint might only bruise or stretch an attacker's artery, but Black Talon's sharp edges might cut the artery causing the attacker to hemorrhage profusely and collapse, ending the attack sooner.

If Black Talon is marginally more effective in stopping power and less likely to ricochet, isn't that what self-protection is all

about — stopping a vicious assailant, without allowing non-expanding and over-penetrating bullets to wound innocent neighbors or bystanders?

Prohibitionist physicians have planted fear that the sharp edges of Black Talon bullets might pierce a surgical glove and injure a surgeon, increasing the risk of AIDS and hepatitis — but it is *not* a surgical axiom that bullets must be handled or removed. Additionally, since the AIDS epidemic began, "universal precautions" (wearing two layers of surgical gloves or wearing Kevlar gloves) are SOP. If we worry the nasty sharp edges might cut a surgeon despite those precautions, remember that surgeons regularly handle sharp objects. They are called "needles," "scissors" and "scalpels."

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WACOGATE

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and probe the profoundly disturbing implications of the Waco massacre was a coroner's inquest held January in Manchester, England. Twenty-three of the dead Davidians were British citizens. The irony did not escape Coroner Leonard Gorodkin.

"There has not been one focal point in the United States to gather all of the information and present it to the public and, more importantly, present it for the families of the deceased," Gorodkin noted. He said he hoped the inquest would remedy the lack of such a public hearing in the United States.

That may be about to change, mainly because of the shift in political power on Capitol Hill. If the Republican leaders' deeds are as good as their words, congressional hearings on the Gestapo-like tendencies of federal police agencies in general, and the Branch Davidian and Randy Weaver cases in particular, should be

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President Clinton has steadfastly ignored the call for a national commission to review the policies and practices of federal law enforcement agencies, including the improper use of deadly force, the adoption of military tactics and use of military equipment and the direct involvement of military personnel. The concerted call was all the more remarkable — and Clinton's refusal all the more damning — because it originated from a broad-based coalition of 10 liberal and conservative organizations championing political rights and individual liberties, from the American Civil Liberties Union and National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, to the Independence Institute, Second Amendment Foundation and National Rifle Association.

One such case of law-enforcement overkill, much less a national trend, would never be tolerated by the public in Great Britain, said Detective Superintendent Albert Yates, who headed the British inquest. He told the Reuters news agency that the Waco raid was "fun-

damentally flawed ... doomed to fail from the start. I think the risk factor was far too great for that to have been considered a realistic option. We (British police) take responsibility for the lives of suspects, regardless of what they have done ... and in any case, there were certainly innocents inside."

Yates dismissed U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno's claims about child abuse, which were used to justify the final assault. The British investigator said there is no evidence to substantiate Reno's allegations. He said British police are "far more reluctant" to use deadly force and "other options would certainly have been examined," adding that he could not identify a single individual in charge of the overall Waco operation. He said the tactical situation was unusual because the people inside were not criminals and there were no hostages. "For whatever reason, the people wanted to remain in there," Yates said. "All they wanted was to be left alone."

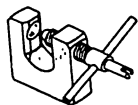
Their dead friends and family members are at peace, the Davidians say, and judgment now awaits the

living. For everyone involved, the living and the dead, the festering rot of injustice continues, unalleviated by the salve of truth. It eats at the hearts and souls of us all, a tragic tale written in the lines of many faces, such as former FBI Special Agent Jeffrey Jamar, the on-scene commander at Waco. Since the horrible climax, Jamar has been forced into retirement, visibly aged and shaken by the hideous tragedy, his friends say. His dark hair has grayed, his face is drawn, with bags under his weary eyes. Possibly his sleep is stalked by the specter of dead Davidians, whose fervent prayers are muffled by gas masks as flames lick closer; maybe by the desperate pleas of children groping through choking black smoke, crying for moms and dads; perhaps haunted by shrieks of agony and sizzling flesh as hellish flames roar through his dreams.

James L. Pate was on site during the Mount Carmel siege, and attended the entire criminal trial. His award-winning coverage of the Waco tragedy will continue. ✕

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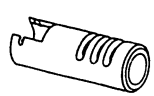
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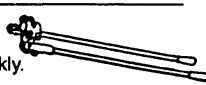
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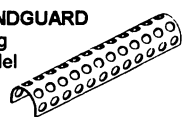
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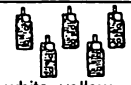
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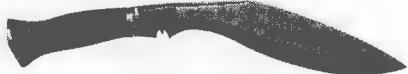
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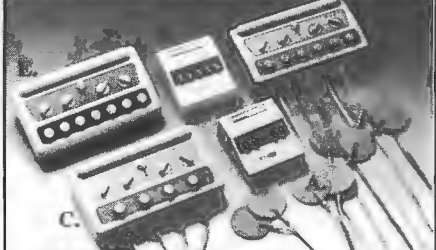
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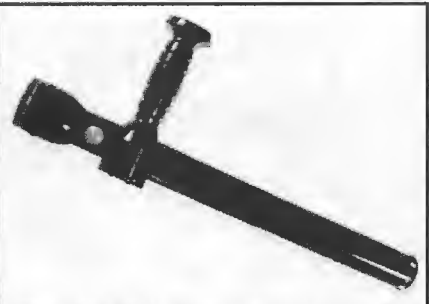
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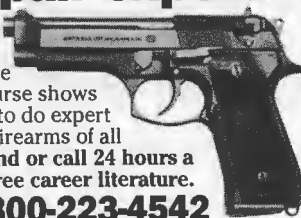
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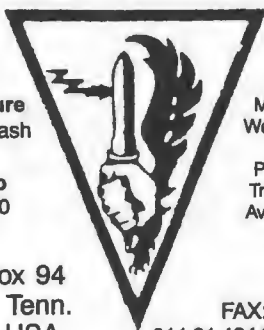
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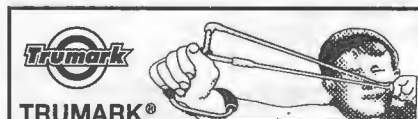


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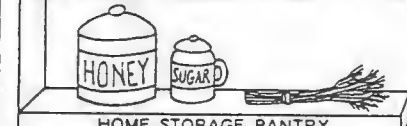
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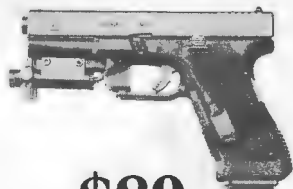
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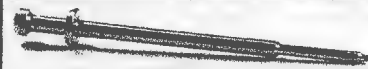
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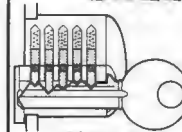
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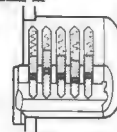
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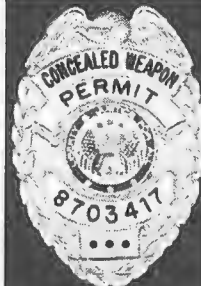
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